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TEAM SUMMER B

TENDO MATSURI

KUSAKARI HOTARU

YAMORI CHIMAKI

TEAM SUMMER B

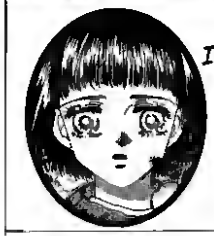
ASAI SEMIMARU

A SPOILT FOULMOUTHED PUNK WHO IS ALWAYS PICKING ON NATSU.

TEAM SUMMER B

SAOTOME BOTAN

ONCE A POLICE OFFICER, NOW SUMMER B'S GUIDE. AS THE BIG-SISTER TYPE, SHE'S SOMEONE YOU CAN RELY ON.



TEAM SUMMER B

IWASHIMIZU NATSU

AN AWFULLY SHY MEEK GIRL WHO IS TOO WEAK TO VOICE HER OWN OPINIONS.

TEAM SUMMER B

AOTA ARASHI

A YOUNG MAN WITH A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE. HE IS IN A RELATION-SHIP WITH HANA OF TEAM SPRING.

TEAM SUMMER A

ANGO

LEADER OF TEAM SUMMER A. FEELS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF HIS FRIEND.

TEAM SUMMER A

RYO

HIS COOL INTELLIGENCE AND ABILITY TO TAKE ACTION MAKES HIM THE SHADOW KING OF TEAM SUMMER A.

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ORY STORY STORY STORY STORY STORY STORY STORY

WHEN THE SUMMER TEAMS' VOYAGE IS BROUGHT TO A HALT, THE GANG DECIDE TO EXPLORE THE MASSIVE SHIP THAT APPEARS BEFORE THEM. HOWEVER, THE SHIP SUDDENLY TURNS VERTICAL MOMENTS AFTER THEY ENTER IT, SCATTERING EVERYONE APART. THE TENSION INCREASES AS A MYSTERIOUS COUNTDOWN BEGINS, WHILE AN OMINOUS PRESENCE APPEARS TO BE RAPIDLY SPREADING THROUGHOUT THE SHIP.

AFTER MANY UPS AND DOWNS, THE SUMMER GANG FINALLY MANAGE TO REUNITE. HOWEVER, IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT THE MYSTERIOUS COUNTDOWN IS IN FACT THE REMAINING TIME LEFT UNTIL THE MISSILE LAUNCH AND SELF-DESTRUCTION OF THE SHIP. THE TEAM DESPERATELY RACE THROUGH THE SHIP TO FIND A WAY TO PREVENT THE MISSILE LAUNCH, HOWEVER DESPITE THEIR EFFORTS, THEY UNFORTUNATELY FAIL TO CANCEL THE SEQUENCE. OUT OF TIME AND OPTIONS, NATSU AND THE OTHERS ARE FORCED TO MAKE THEIR ESCAPE, HOWEVER...?!

IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, A GIANT METEORITE HAS COLLIDED WITH EARTH. ALL LIVING ORGANISMS, INCLUDING MANKIND, HAVE BEEN WIPED OFF THE FACE OF THE PLANET.

THE GOVERNMENT, WHO HAD FORESEEN THIS OUTCOME, TOOK MEASURES TO COUNTER THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO. IN PARTICULAR WAS PROJECT "7 SEEDS", IN WHICH FIVE SETS OF SEVEN GIFTED YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WERE CAREFULLY SELECTED AND PLACED INTO TEAMS. EACH PARTICIPANT WAS THEN PUT UNDER CRYOGENIC SLEEP IN HOPES OF PRESERVING THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF MANKIND.

WHEN THOSE MEN AND WOMEN AWOKE, THEY FOUND THEMSELVES SUDDENLY THRUST INTO A CRUEL WORLD. WHILE BEREFT AND GRIEVED OVER FOREVER LOSING THEIR LOVED ONES, THEY SOUGHT TO FIND WAYS TO SURVIVE.

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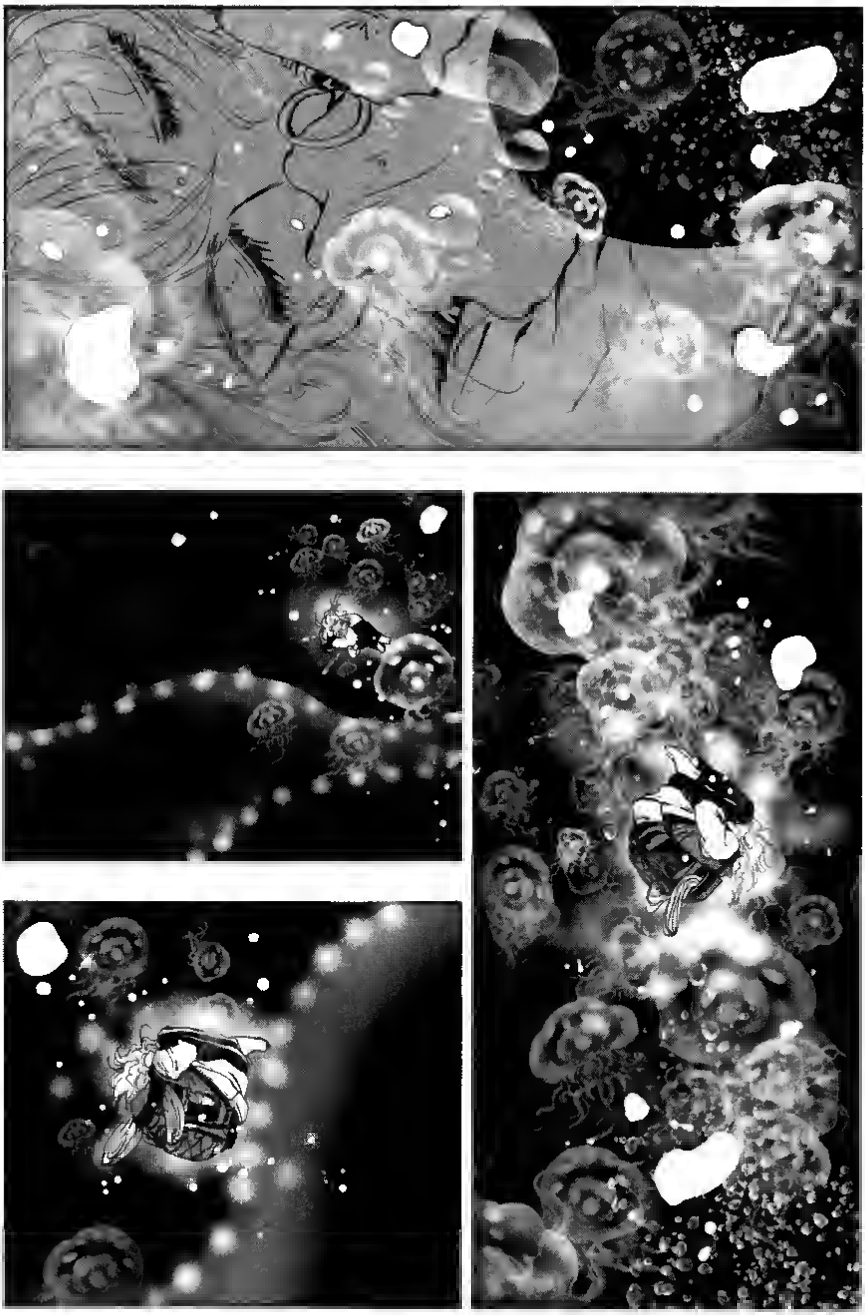
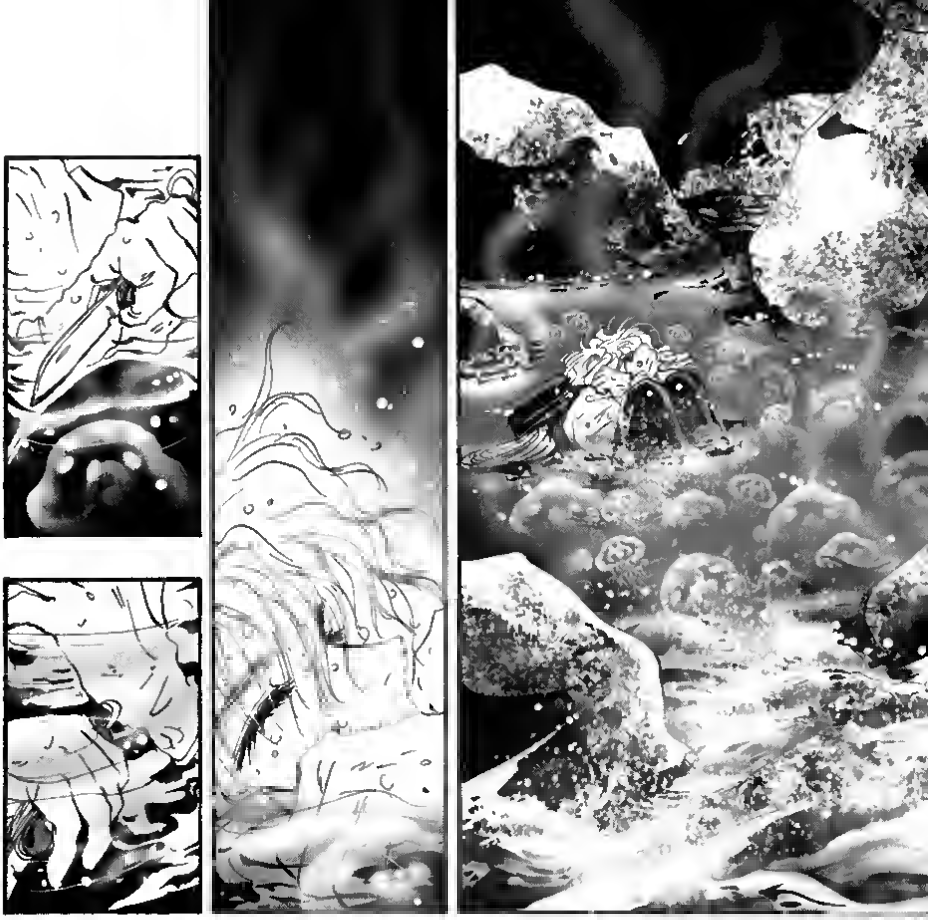
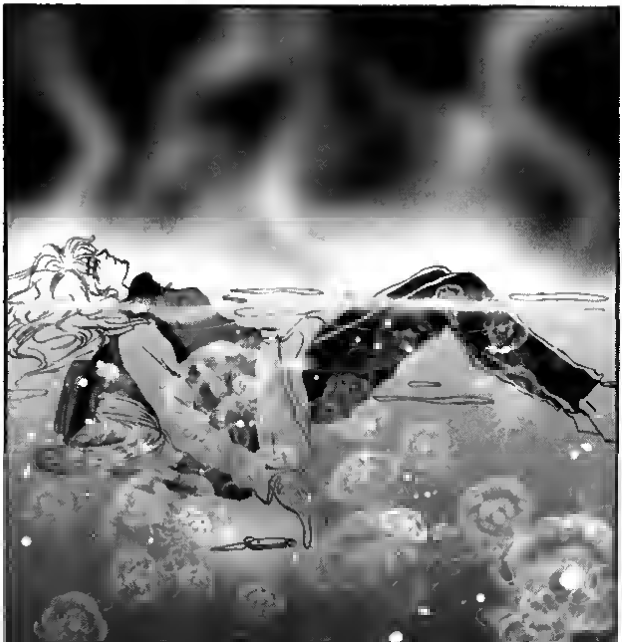
MINOR HEAT
CHAPTER 22
【— APPLAUSE —】



Zzzz
Splash
Splash
Zoosh
Zzz





Splash!
Splooosh
SHAAAA
SHAA
Splash
Splish
SSSSSH
SLOOSH
HSSSSH

Splash
Splash
Sssssh

Splash
Splash
Umph!
So warm...

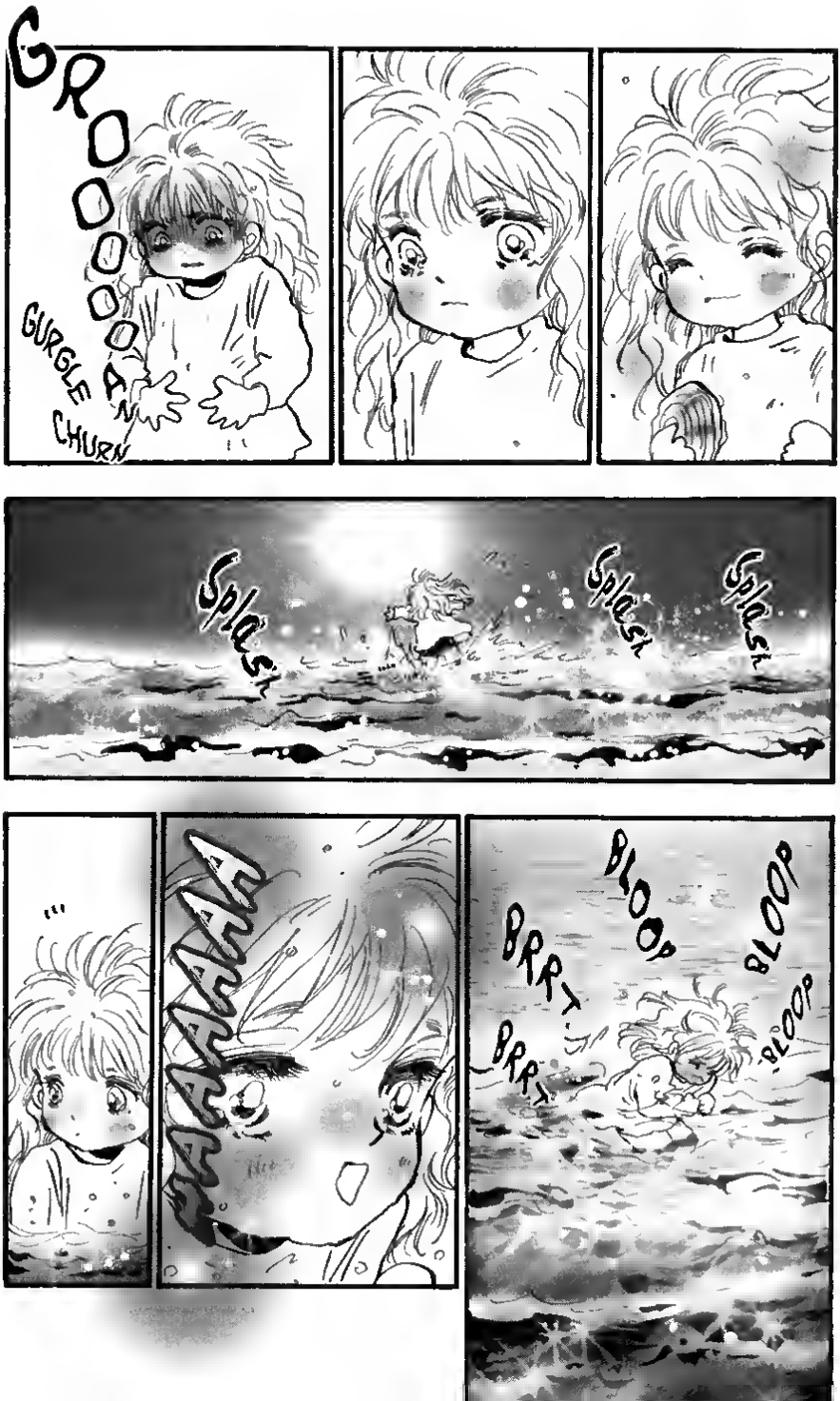
Ungkh
KABOOM
KABOOM
KLAK

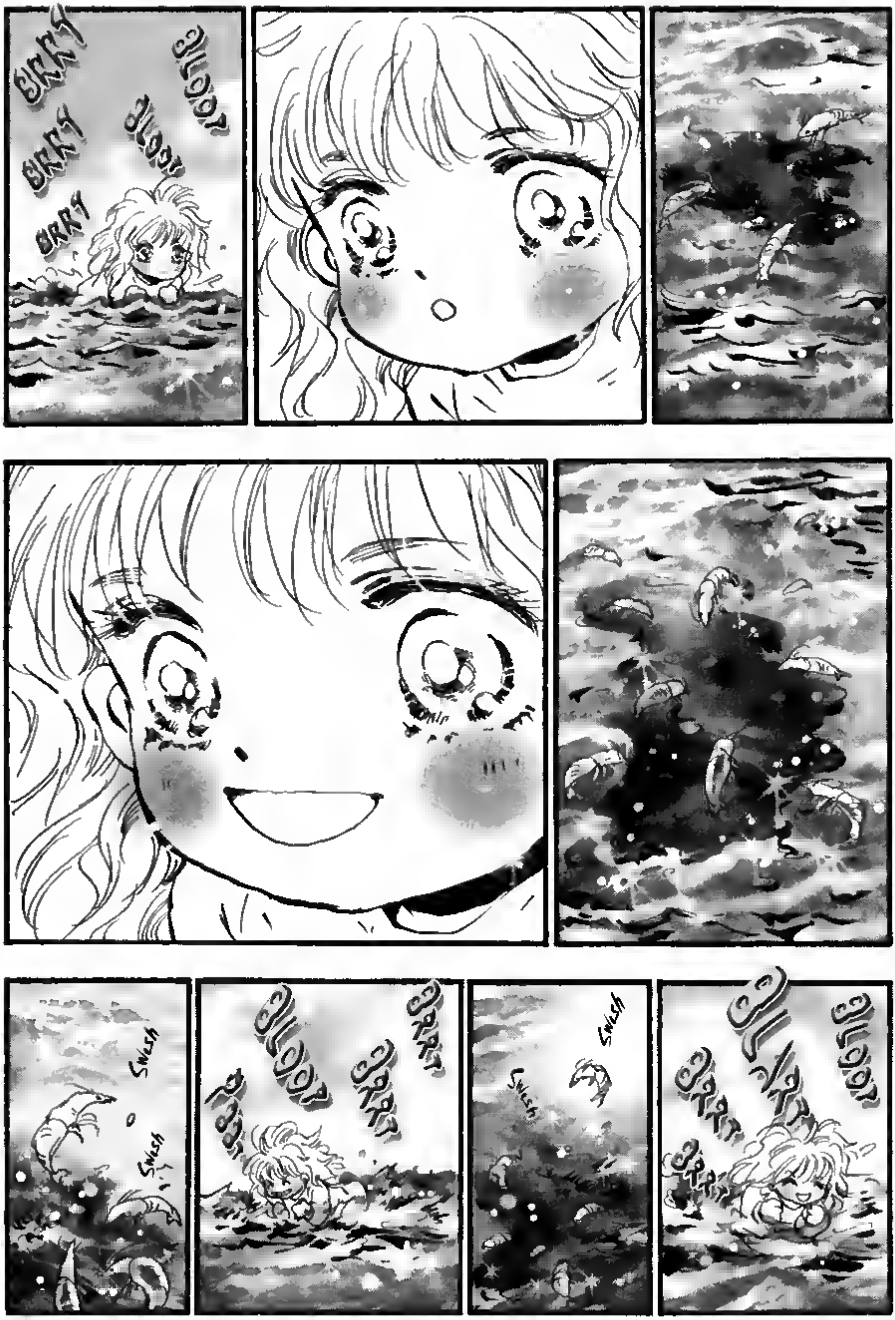
KLAK
KLAK
KRIK
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
KRIK
CRACK
GLOOP
GLUP
GLUP
GLOOP
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
RUSTLE

GROOWL
Gurgle
Gurgle
?

WHOOPS!
Sploosh

SHAAA
ZLOOSH
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
Shell-fish are dangerous.
LICK


GROOOOOAN
GURGLE
CHURN
Splash
Splash
Splash
...
AAAAAA
BRRR
BLOOP
BLOOP
BLOOP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BRRT
BRRT
BLOOP
BLOOP
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SWISH
SWISH
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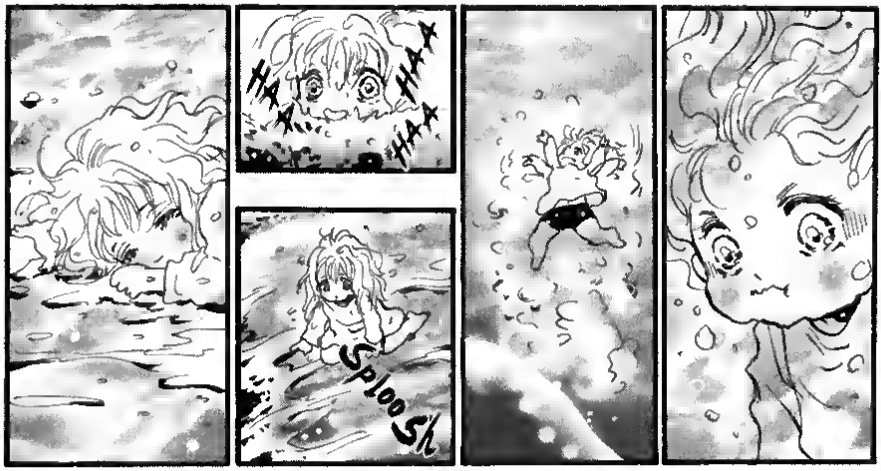
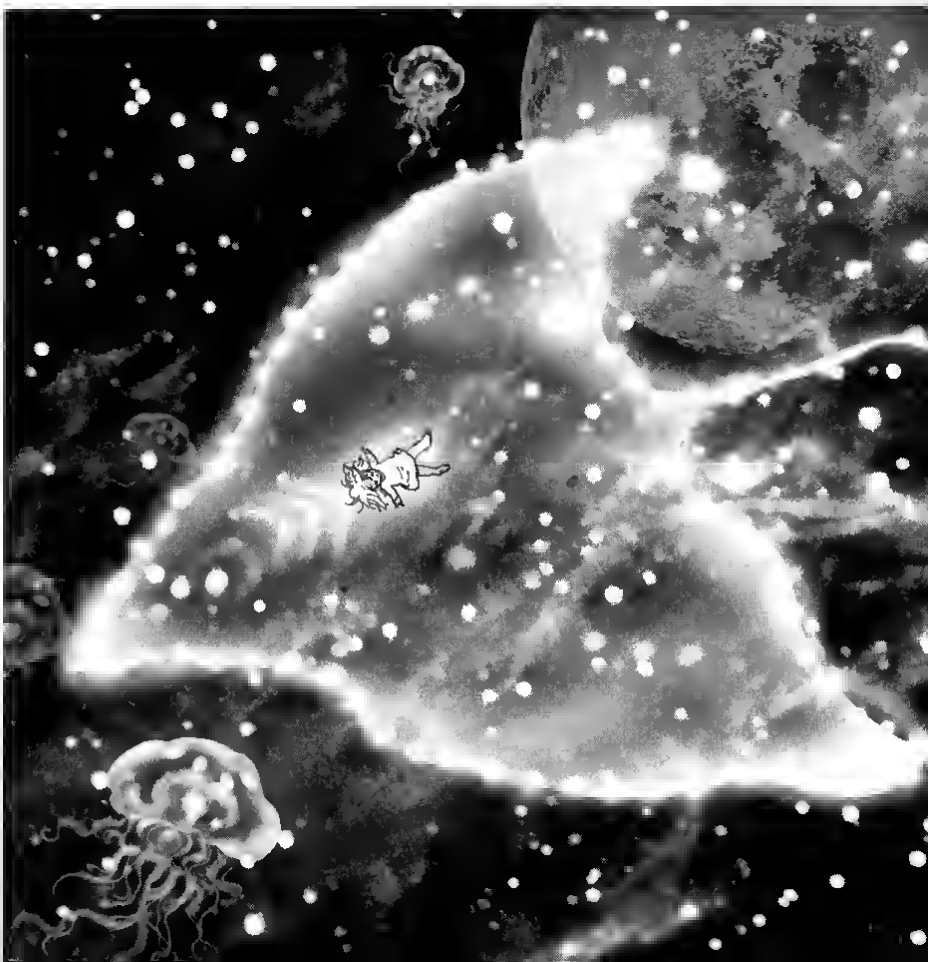
BRRT
BRRT
BRRT
BLOOP
BLOOP
BLOOP

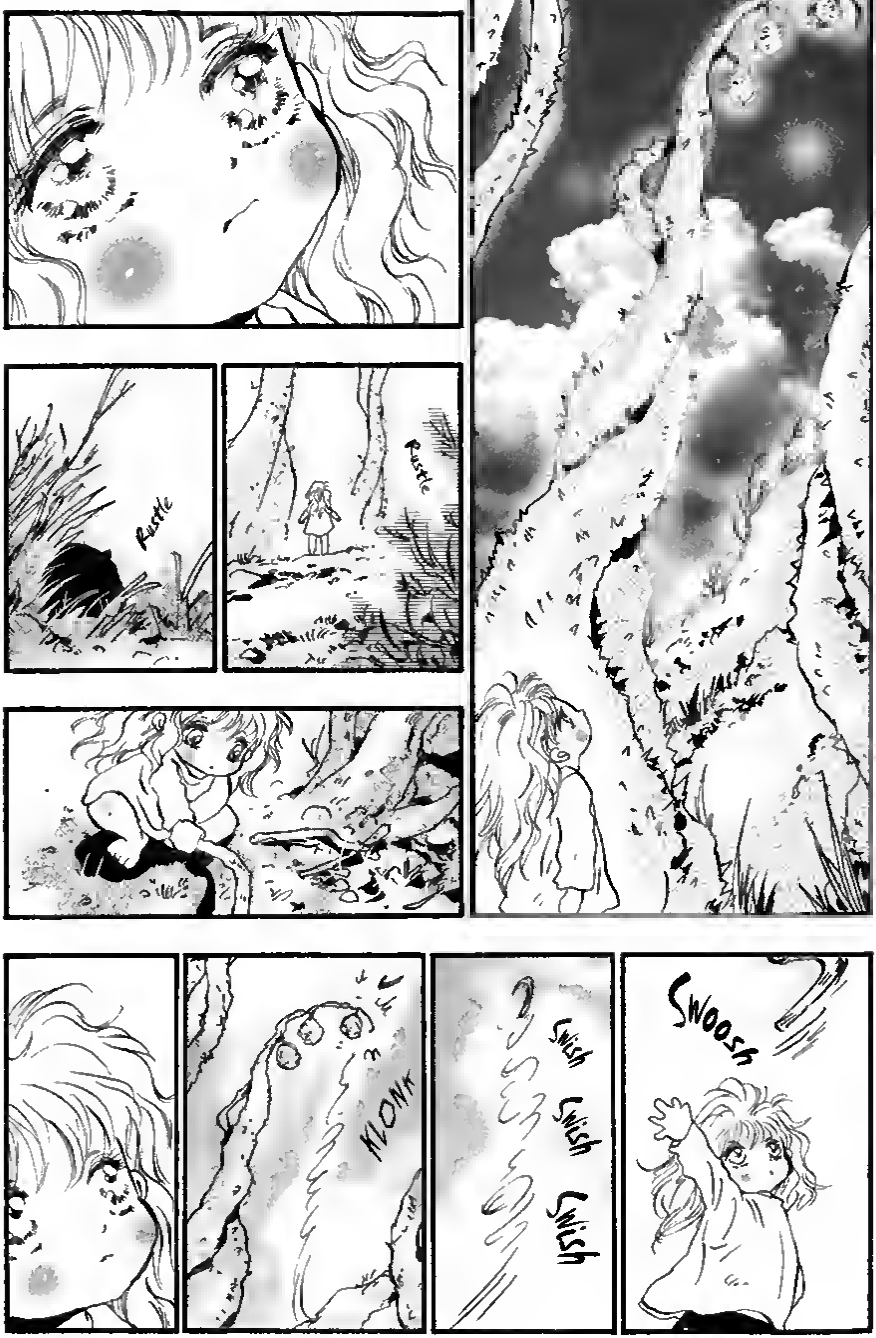
BLUBB
Sploosh


HA-HA-HA-HA-HA
SPLOOSH



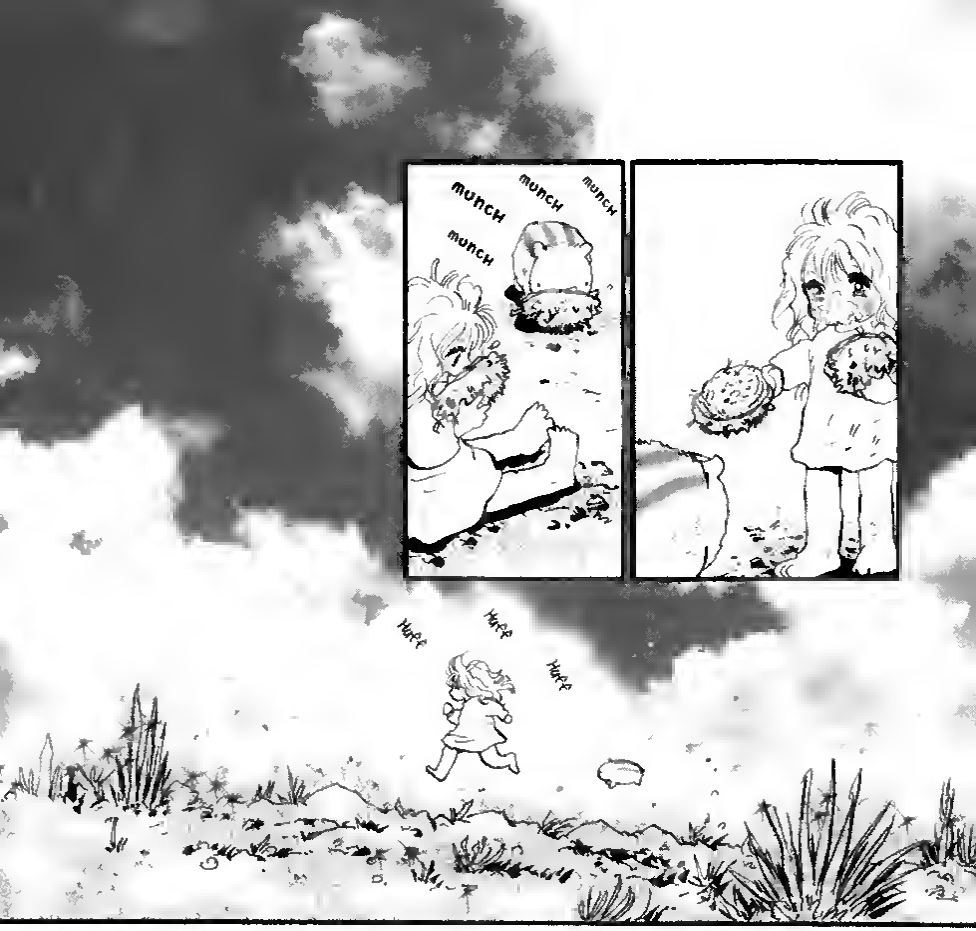
SHAAA
SHAAA
Peek
Slurp
Slurp
Slurp
GRAB

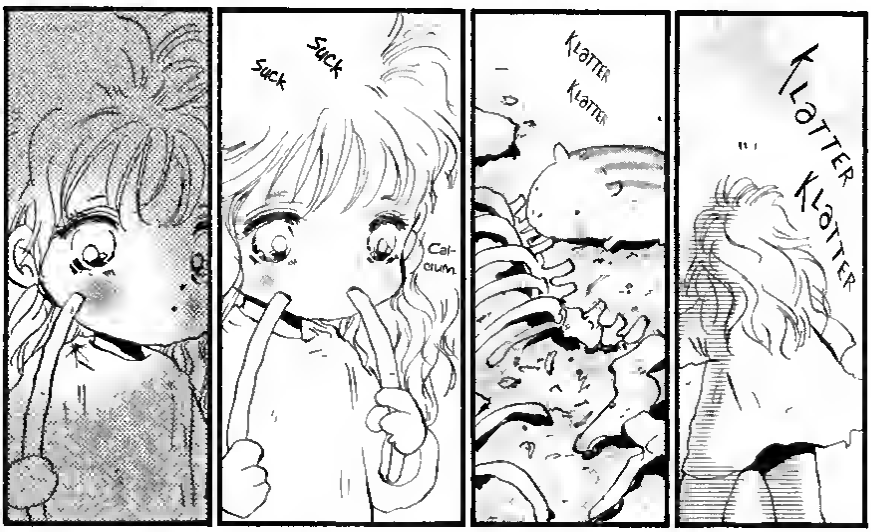
How is it?
Crack
GLOOP
Rustle
Mak-ing salt too
GOBBLE
?

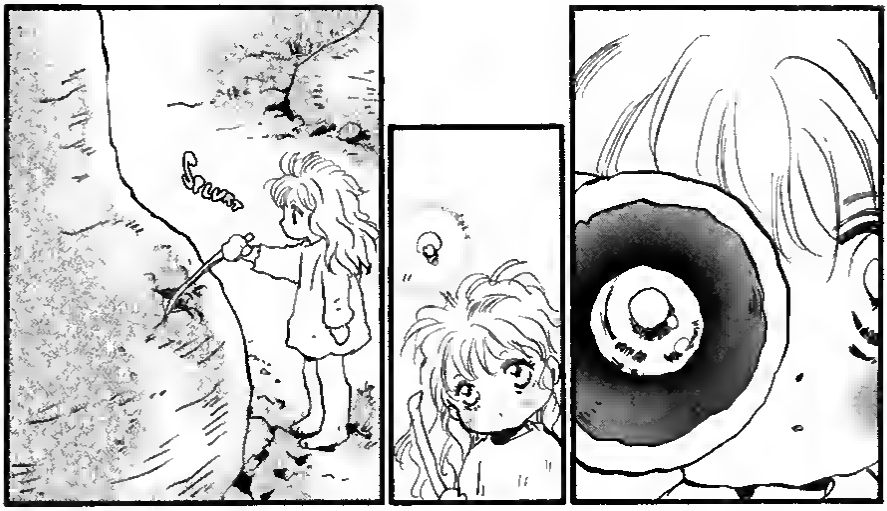

Rustle
Rustle
KLONK
Swish Swish Swish
SWOOSH

KATONK
KLONK
KLONK
KLONK
KATONK
SWOOSH
KLONK
SWOOSH
TRY TOMORROW.
THUMP

SPLURT
Shiiip Shiiip
Sloop Sloop
SPLURT
SPLURT
Rustle
Rustle


munch
munch
munch
munch
Huff
Huff
Huff


Suck
Suck
Cal-
cium
Klotter
Klotter
Klotter
Klotter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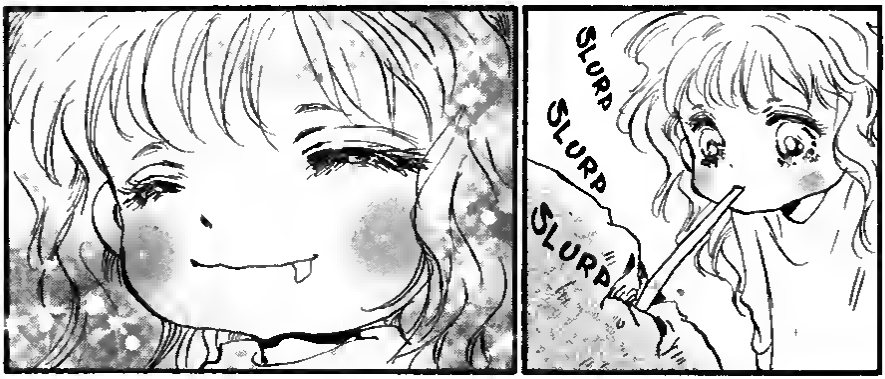
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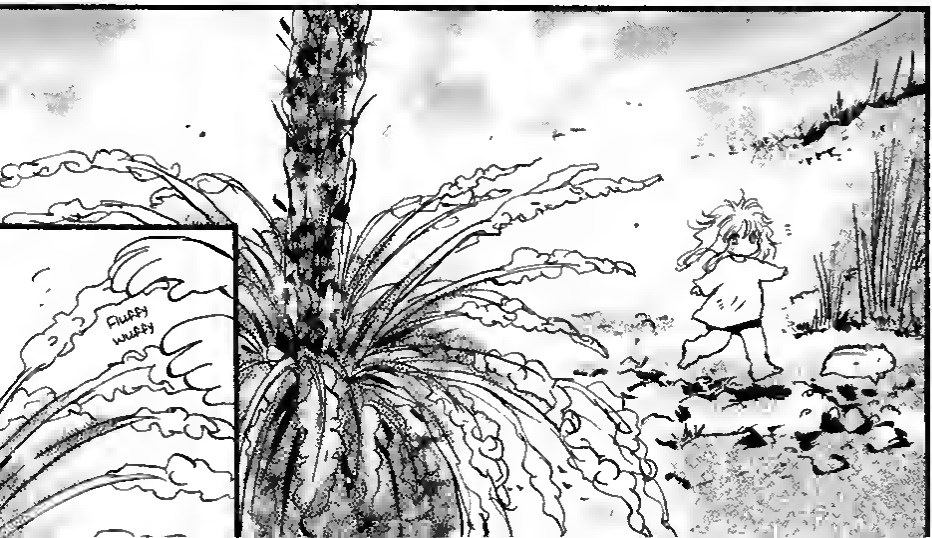
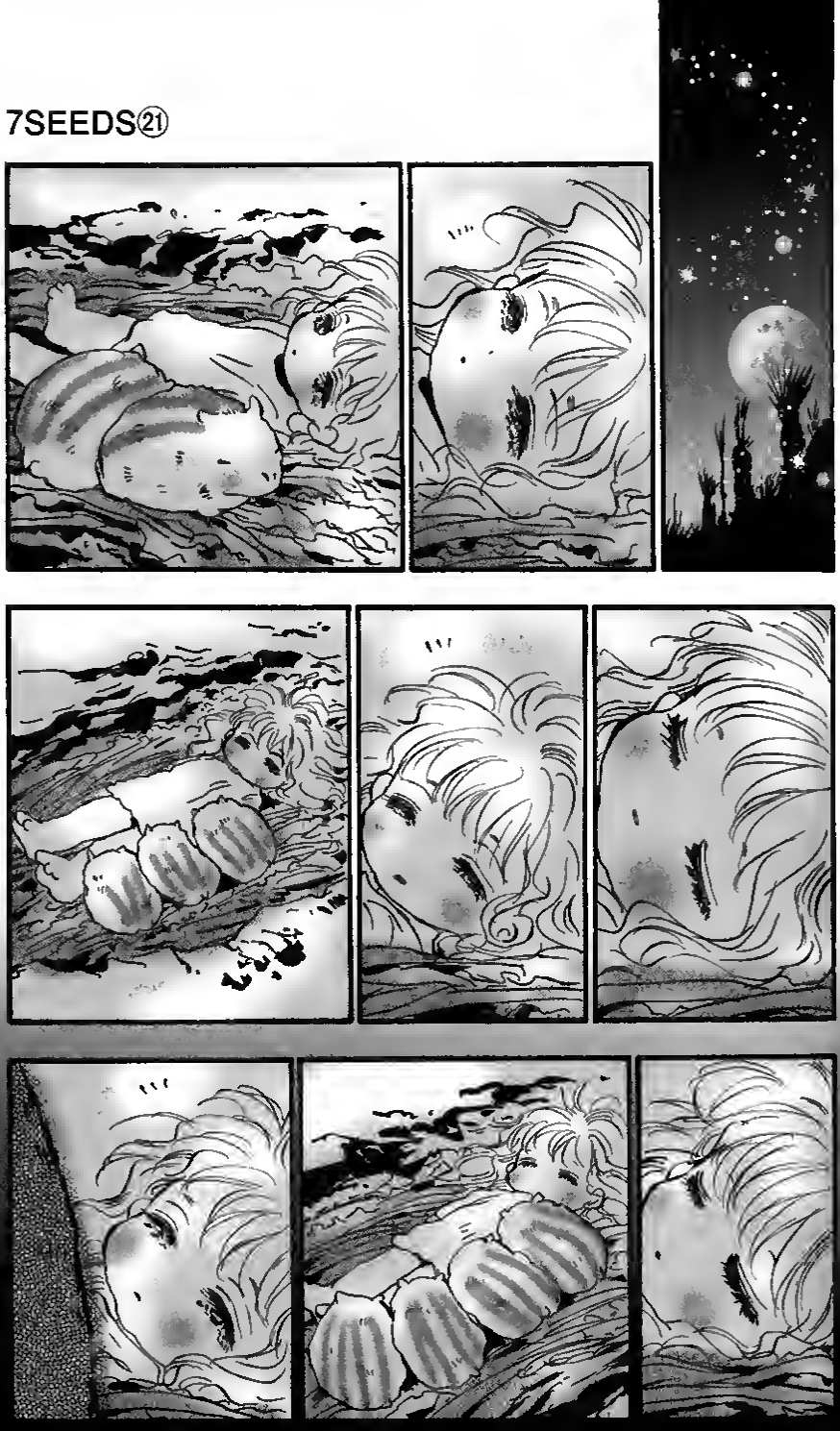
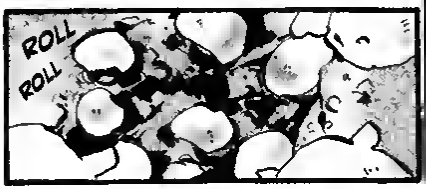

flurry
wurry

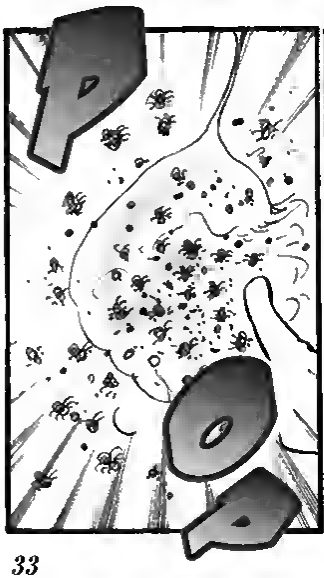
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
FLUFFY
FLUFFY

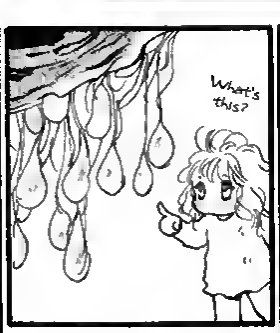


GRUNT
GRUNT
SUCKLE
SUCKLE
THUMP
SUCKLE
SUCKLE
SUCKLE
SUCKLE

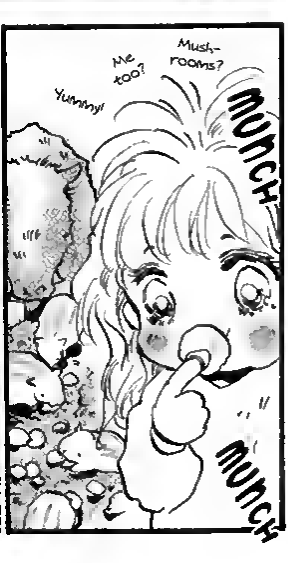
DIG
SNORT
DIG

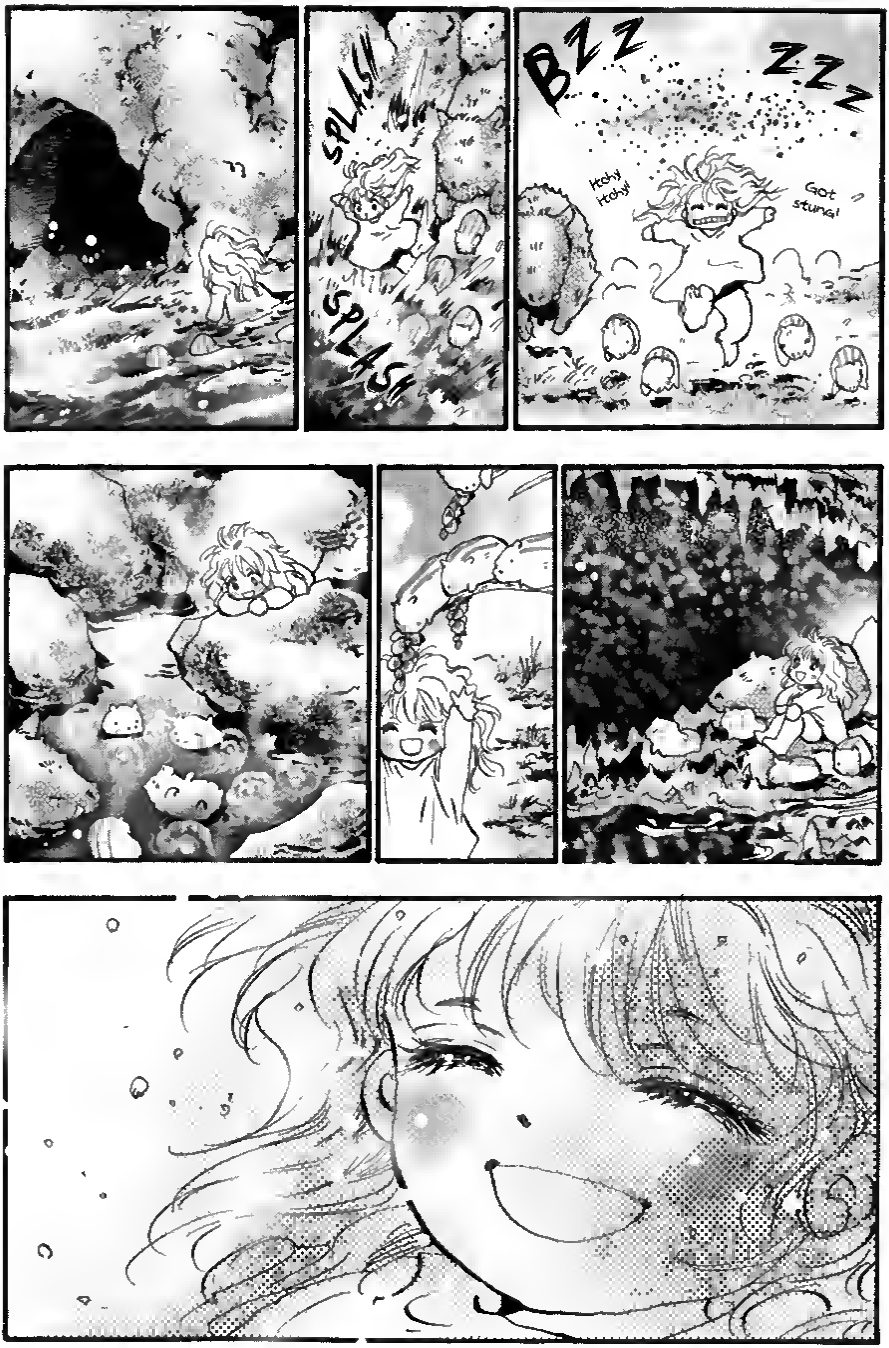

ROLL
ROLL


POP


What's this?

SQUEAL

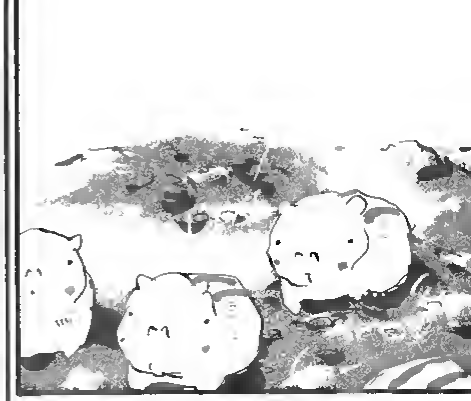

Yummy!
Me, too?
Mush-rooms?
MUNCH
MUNCH

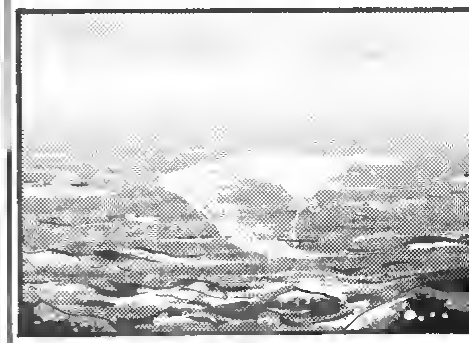

SPLASH!
SPLASH!
BZZ
ZZZ
Hehe Hehe!
Got stung!

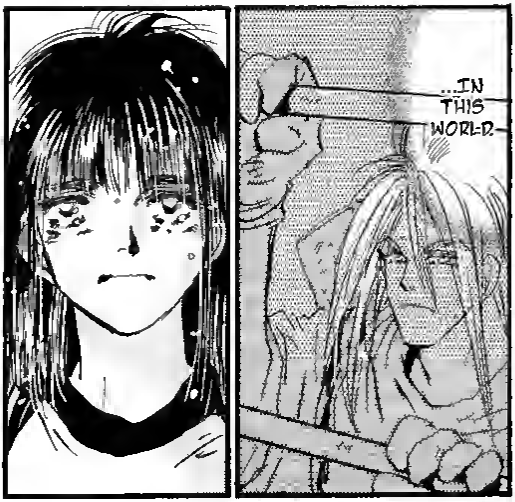
Klack

I WILL...

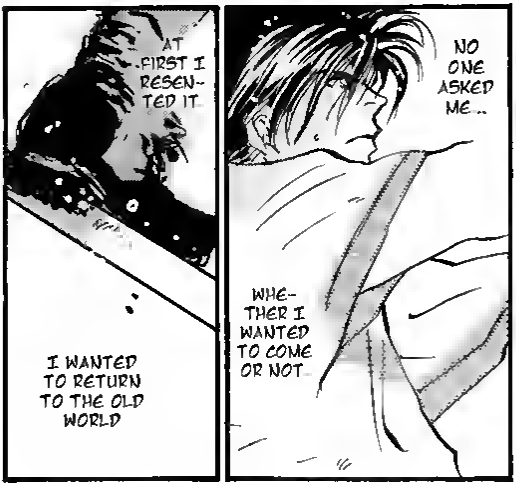
...LIVE HERE.





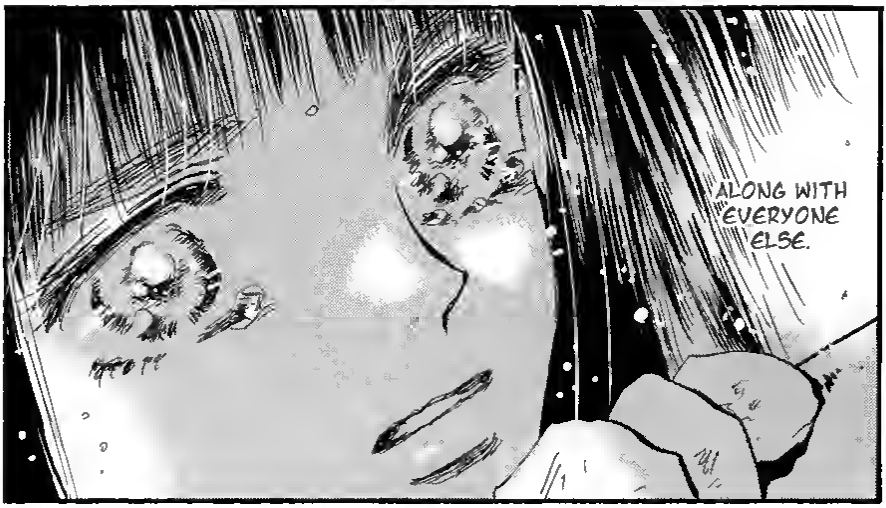

...IN THIS WORLD-

I DIDN'T WISH TO COME HERE.


AT FIRST I RESENTED IT
I WANTED TO RETURN TO THE OLD WORLD
NO ONE ASKED ME..
WHETHER I WANTED TO COME OR NOT

I WILL LIVE ...

BUT...
I WAS SURE WE COULD NEVER LIVE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.
I WILL LIVE...
...IN THIS WORLD


ALONG WITH EVERYONE ELSE.

Beep
PLEASE STOP!!
Beep
Final Day : Remaining Time
02 : 10 : 45
Beep

SO PLEASE ...
PLEASE STOP!

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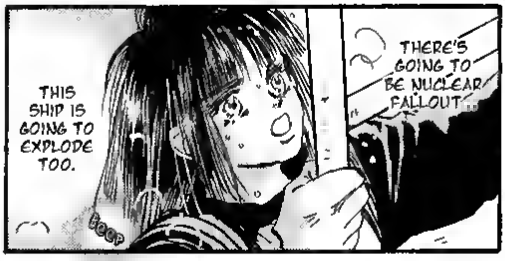
CHAPTER 23
【—CAN YOU CELEBRATE?—】
JUST A LITTLE FURTHER TO THE EXIT.
KEEP IT UP, GUYS.
KAY!
beep
beep
beep

Beep
Final Day - Antarctic Time
02:05:45
THIS AREA MAY LOOK CLEAN AND RUST-FREE NOW...
BUT IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME.
Beep
Beep
THE BAC-TERIA ...
CHASED AFTER THE GUN YOU THREW.
THEY'RE MON-STERS.
That's how it seemed
Beep
Dawn!
IF ONLY THE BACTERIA WEREN'T HERE...
Have you got it? The ladder?
WE WOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO MORE.
Beep
Beep
Beep
AT THIS POINT, ALL WE CAN DO ...
IS MAKE SURE EVERYONE ESCAPES SAFELY ..
AND GETS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE FROM THIS AREA OF OCEAN...
BEFORE TIME RUNS OUT.
Beep
Beep
PLEASE STOP!
Beep
Beep

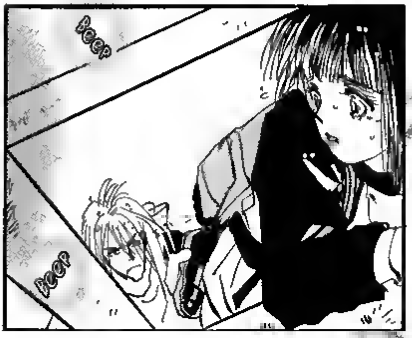
THEY'RE GOING TO FALL ON EVERYONE OUT THERE...
Final Day : Remaining Time
02 : 05 : 22
Beep
Beep

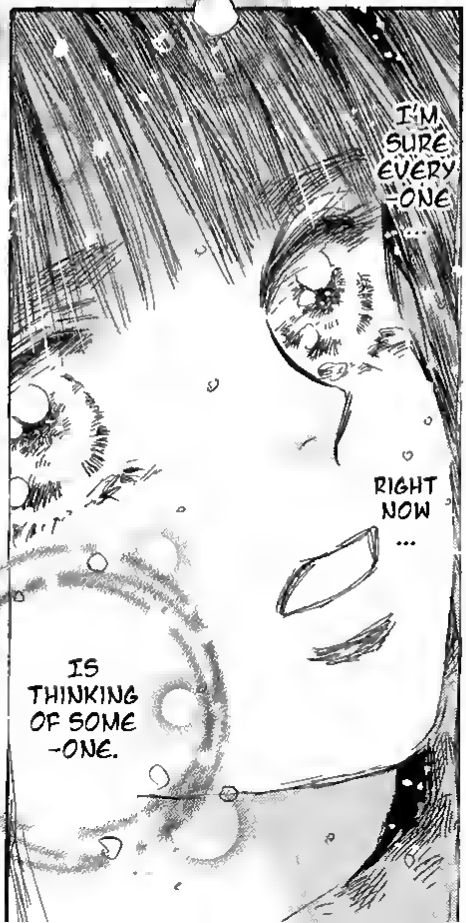
I DON'T KNOW WHO I'M PRAYING TO...
THE MISSILES !!
PLEASE STOP...
BUT ...


THIS SHIP IS GOING TO EXPLODE TOO.
THERE'S GOING TO BE NUCLEAR FALLOUT...
Beep

Beep
HYAH!
SLIP

BA
BA..


Beep
Beep


I'M SURE EVERY -ONE ...
RIGHT NOW ...
IS THINKING OF SOME -ONE.

Beep
Beep
Beep
Beep
Beep
Beep
Beep
Beep
02 : 05 : 01

Beep
Beep
Beep
Beep
Beep
Beep
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Beep

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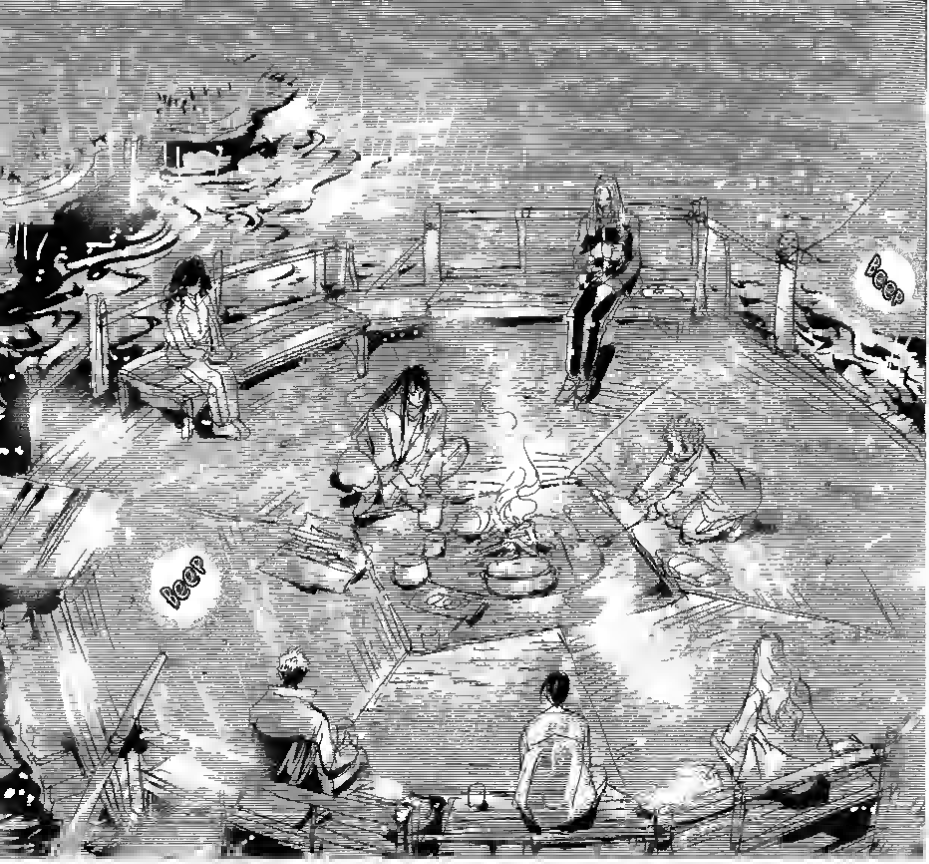
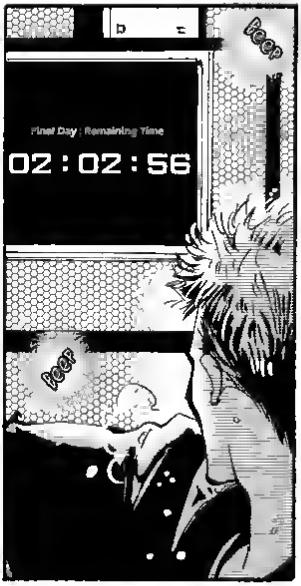

Beep
Beep

Beep

Beep


Beep
Final Day : Remaining Time
02 : 02 : 56
Beep

THE MISSILES ...
Beep
MAY FALL ON THOSE GUYS TOO ...

Beep
Beep
Beep
Beep
Beep
Rustle
Rustle
Rustle
Rustle
Rustle
Beep
Beep

ZAA
Beep
Rustle
Rustle
Beep
ZAAAA
Beep
Beep
ZAAAAAAA
Beep
ZAA
ZAA
Beep
ZAAAA
Beep

Beep
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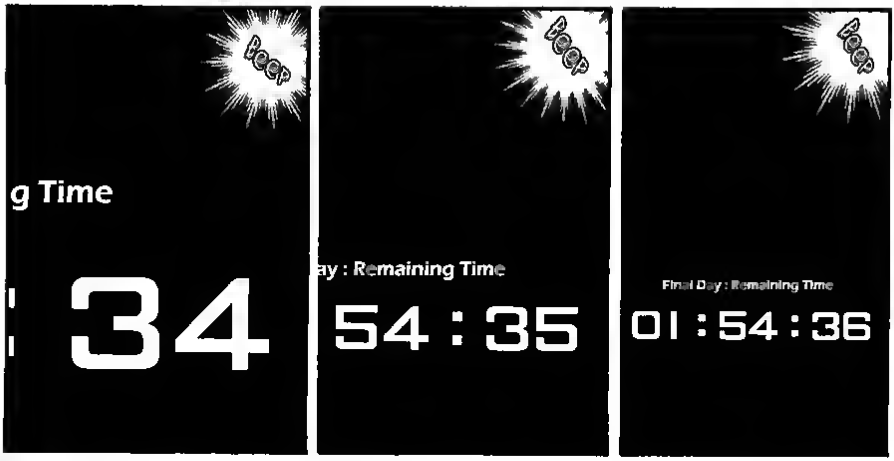
Beep


Beep
g Time
34
Beep
ay : Remaining Time
54 : 35
Beep
Final Day : Remaining Time
01 : 54 : 36

Final Day : Remaining Time
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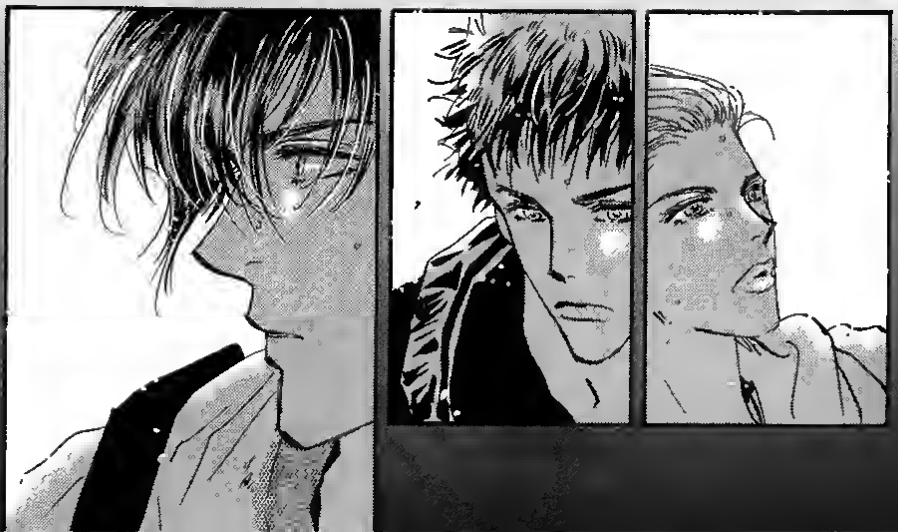

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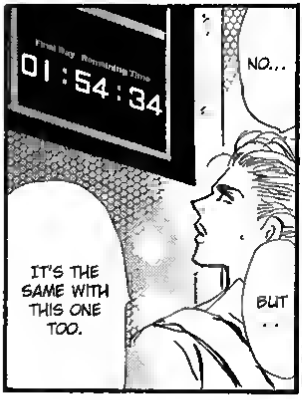
THAT MONITOR'S JUST BUSTED, RIGHT?

IT... STOPPED ...?


Final Day Remaining Time
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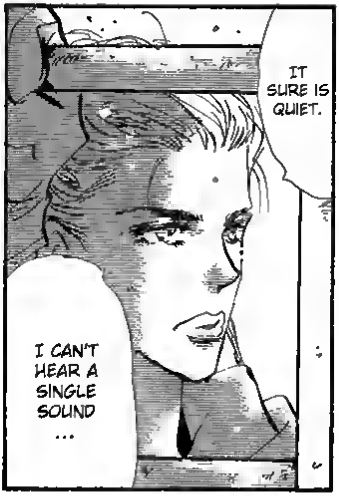
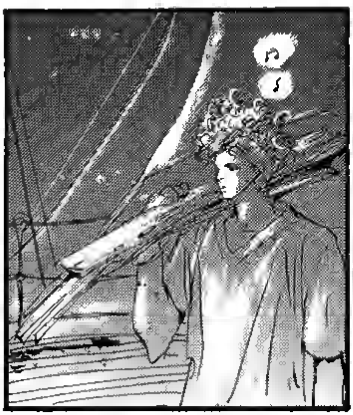
NO...
IT'S THE SAME WITH THIS ONE TOO.
BUT..


IT SURE IS QUIET.
I CAN'T HEAR A SINGLE SOUND ...

WHA?
THAT RUMBLING NOISE HAS STOPPED TOO.
COME TO THINK OF IT ...

KACHAK
Whoooooo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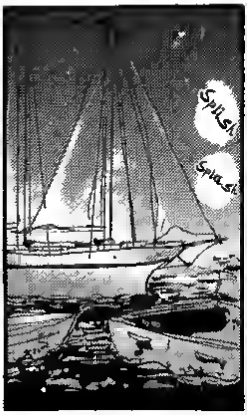
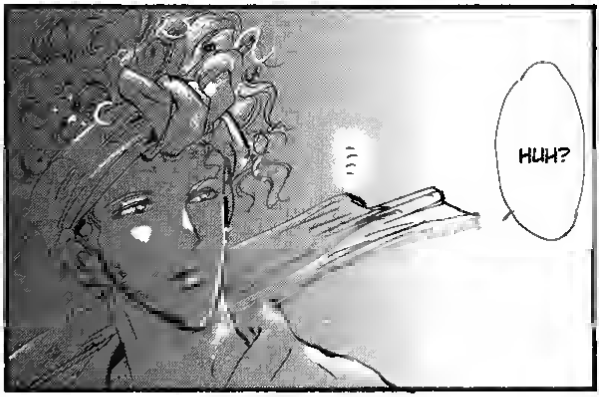

Splash
Splash

THE POWER ...


HUH?

THE LIGHTS ...
ARE GOING OUT...

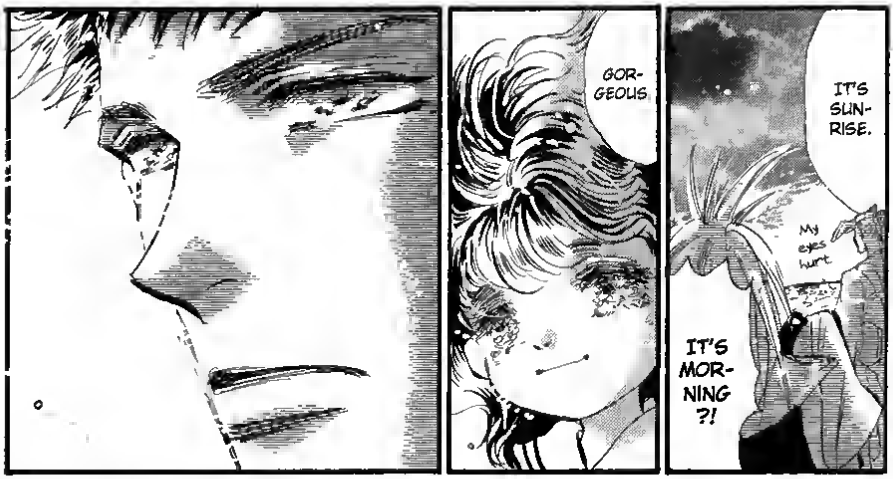
THE POWER'S BEEN CUT...
HAS THE LAUNCH SEQUENCE ...
STOPPED TOO...?
HUH?
EH...?
REALLY ?!
WHY ?!
HOW?!
Rushle
Rushle
Rushle
Rushle
...I SEE...
I SAID IT MYSELF OVER AND OVER..
THAT THE BACTERIA MAY END UP DISRUPTING THE SHIP'S FACILITIES ...
THE BACTERIA ?!

THE BACTE-RIA ...
STOPPED THE MISSILES ?!

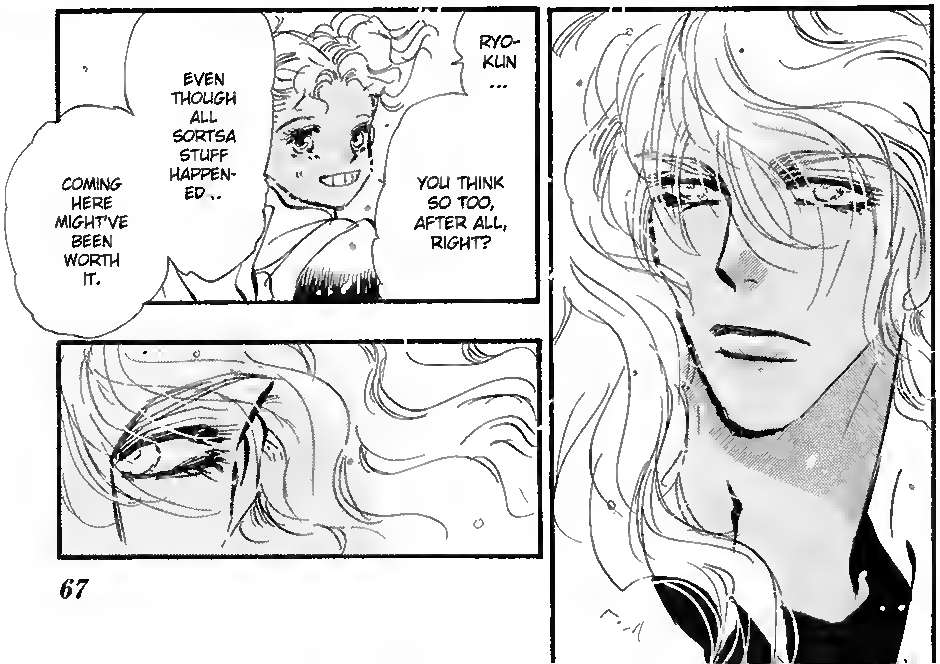
SLIDE
FUHAAAAA
SLUMP
CLANG
NATSU
I'M SURE ALL CREDIT GOES TO YOU.
EH?
THE PLACES THEY HADN'T TOUCHED TILL NOW ...
WERE ALL INVADED IN ONE FELL SWOOP.
AS A RESULT, ALL THE MACHINERY HAS BEEN RAVAGED BY THEM
OHHH
HEH HEH HEH ...
HEH HEH ...
BECAUSE YOU RAN THROUGH THE ENTIRE SHIP...
AND SPREAD THE BACTERIA AROUND.
IT'S AS IF YOU BROUGHT THEM BACK TO LIFE.

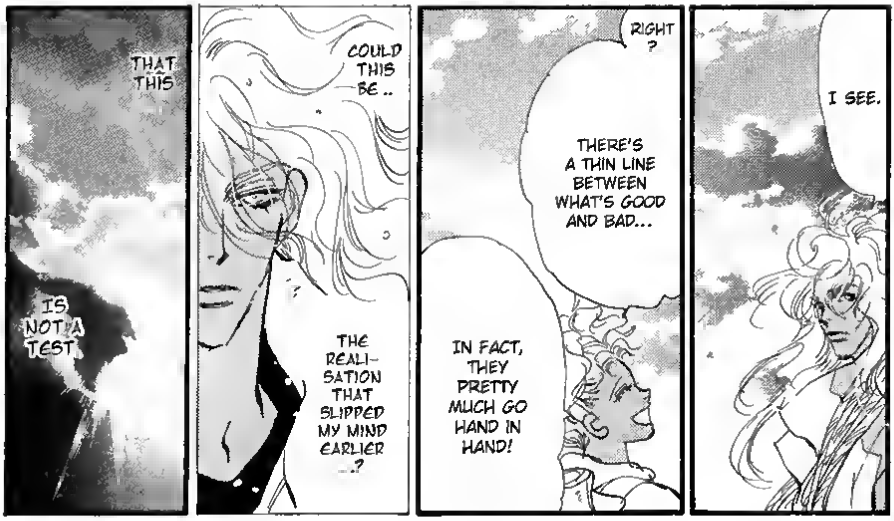
JUST AMAZ-ING...
WHILE US HUMANS WERE FLAILING ABOUT
THOSE BUGS WERE ...
BEING AMAZ-ING
THEY'RE
REALLY SOME-THING, HUH?
WHAT THE HELL?
Damn!
Umm
SO LIKE, WHAT'S THIS BACTERIA STUFF?
DIN-CHA SEE 'EM ?!
NOPE.
They're not bugs.
THE BACTE-RIA...
WERE JUST DOING WHAT THEY DO TO SURVIVE.

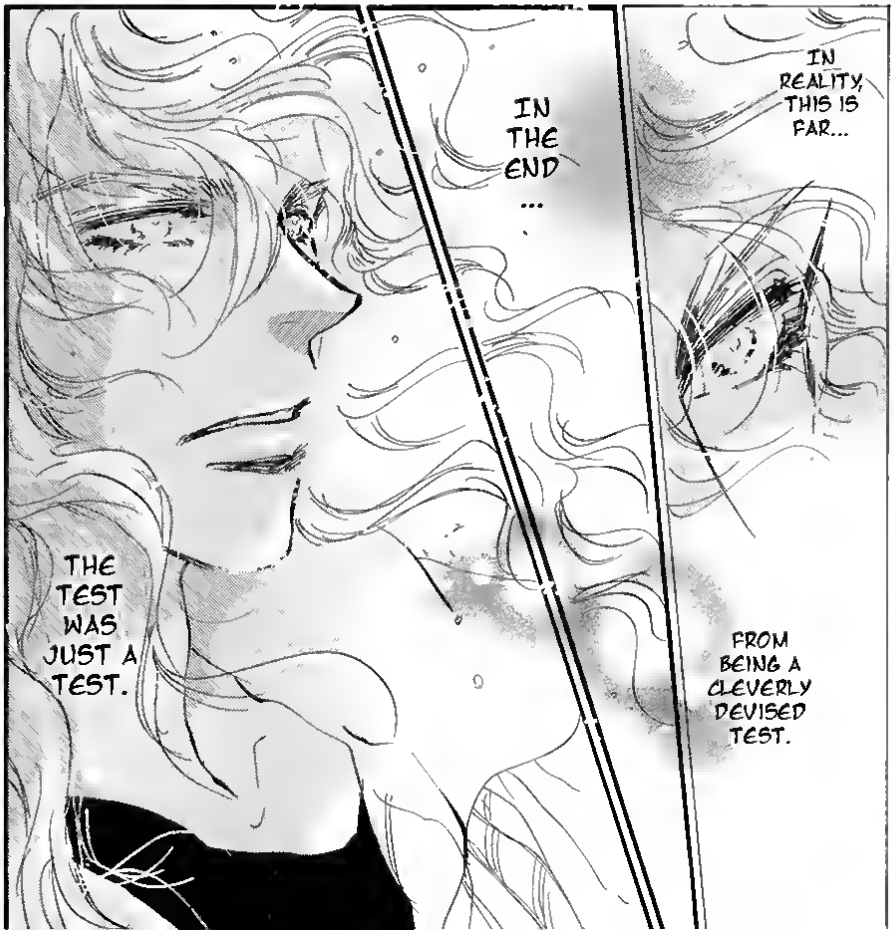
OHHH!!
WE'RE OUT!!
FRESH AIR AT LAST!
WOO-HOO!!
WE GOT OUT!
WE MADE IT!!

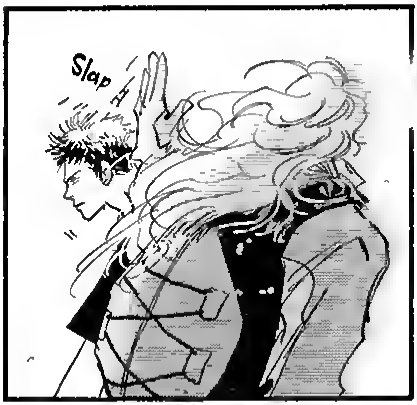

GOR-
GEOUS.
IT'S
SUN-
RISE.
My eyes hurt
IT'S
MOR-
NING
?!

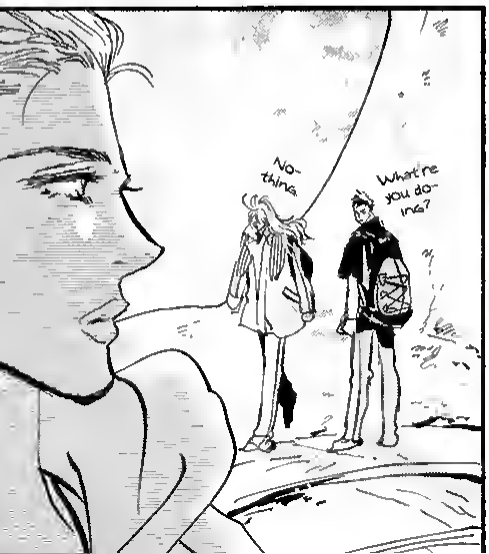
THE
ARRI-
VAL
OF DAWN
IS SIMPLY
THE SIGN
...
THAT
ANOTHER
DAY HAS
BEGUN.
THERE'S
NOTH
-ING
MORE
SOOTH
-ING
THAN
THAT
...
AT
DAWN,
WHEN
YOU
BASK
IN THE
MORNING
SUNSHINE, IT
FEELS LIKE
YOUR BODY
RECHARGES
TO MAXIMUM
POWER..


EVEN THOUGH ALL SORTSA STUFF HAPPEN-ED..
COMING HERE MIGHT'VE BEEN WORTH IT.
RYO-KUN ...
YOU THINK SO TOO, AFTER ALL, RIGHT?


THAT THIS
IS NOT A TEST.
COULD THIS BE..
THE REALI-SATION THAT SLIPPED MY MIND EARLIER ..?
IN FACT, THEY PRETTY MUCH GO HAND IN HAND!
THERE'S A THIN LINE BETWEEN WHAT'S GOOD AND BAD...
RIGHT ?
I SEE.


IN THE END ...
THE TEST WAS JUST A TEST.
IN REALITY, THIS IS FAR...
FROM BEING A CLEVERLY DEVISED TEST.

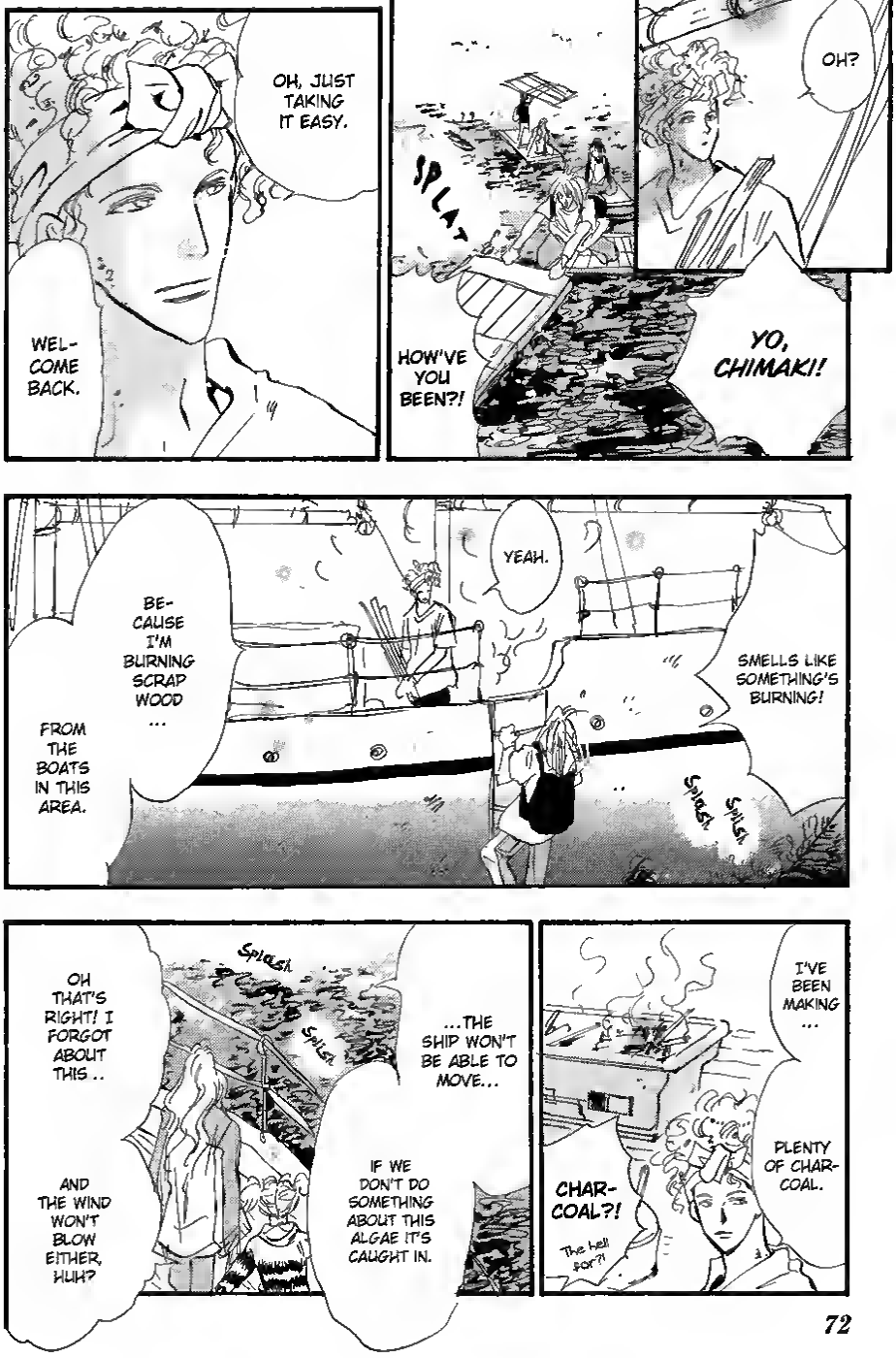

Slap

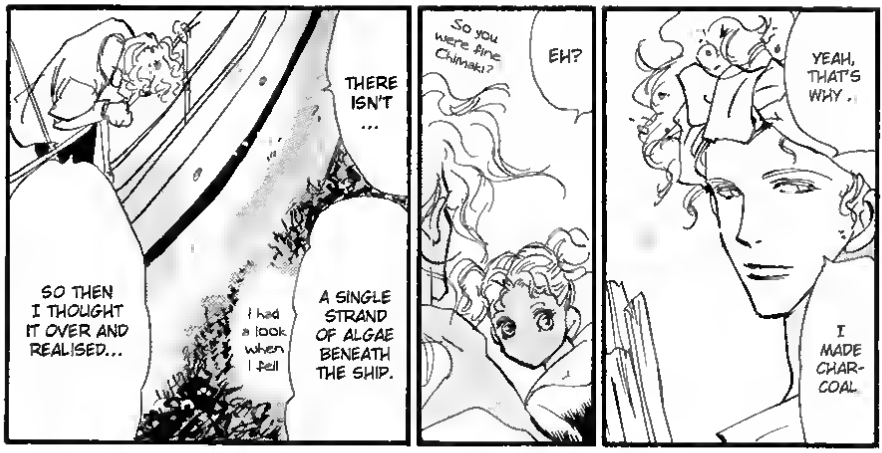

No-thing.
What're you do-ing?

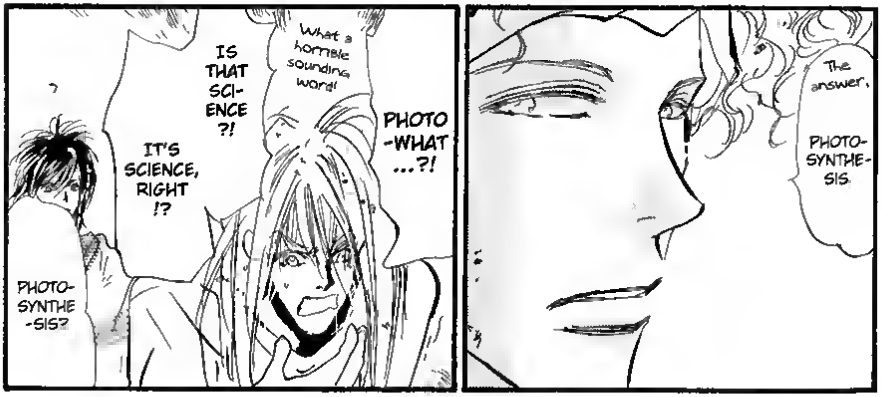
BUT REALITY...
ISN'T A TEST AT ALL.

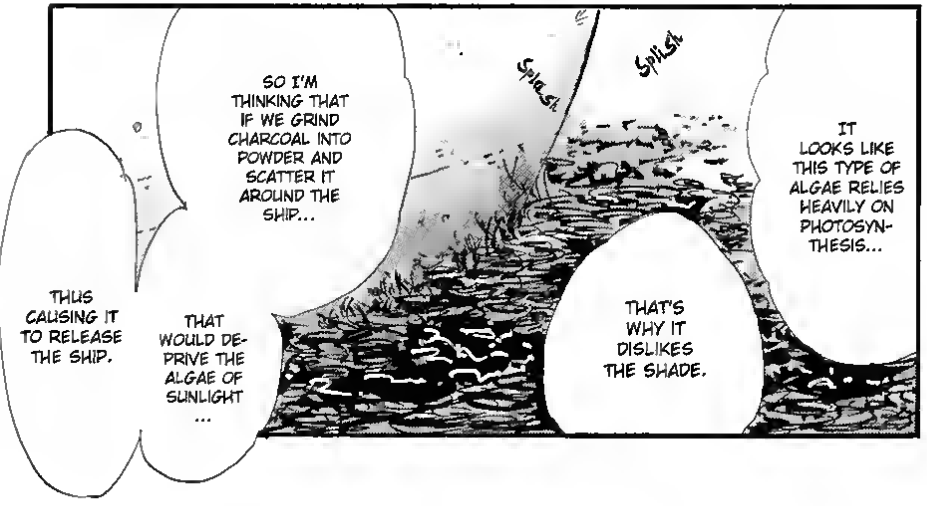
THEY MADE ME HOLD ONTO THIS IN CASE THE TIME EVER CAME...
FOR US TO DIE WITH GRACE AND DIGNITY...
THIS POISON ...
SWOOSH
...NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS ...
I WILL NEVER RELY ON THAT.
KOONG
KONG
KON
BOTAN-SAN, DID YA JUST THROW SOME-THING AWAY?!
THAT'S NAUGHTY, LITTERING LIKE THAT!
SORRY, SORRY.

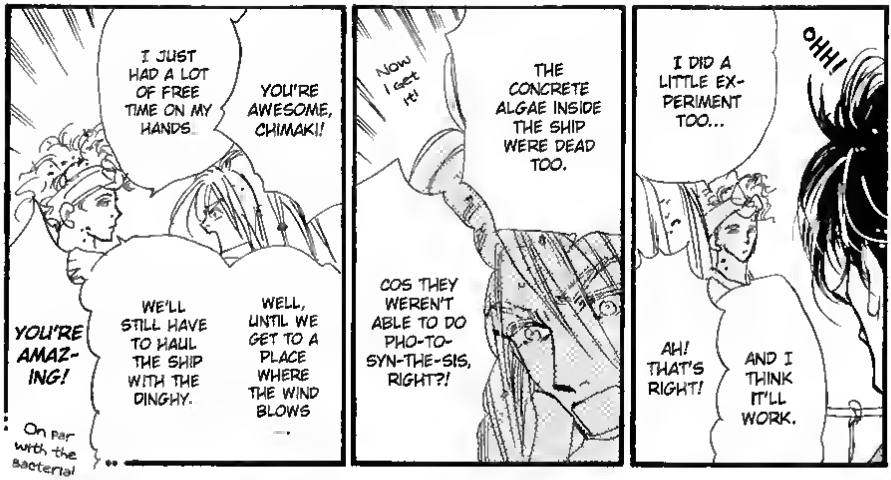
SLUGH
CLIMB UP, CLIMB DOWN...
CLIMB UP, CLIMB DOWN..
MAN, I'M SICK OF IT!
THE BACTERIA MAY CAUSE...
THE SHIP TO LOSE ITS STABILITY AND TIP OVER.
YEAH..
LET'S HURRY.
THIS IS THE VERY TIP OF THE SHIP...
No time to be relieved yet.
ALL RIGHT...
LET'S GO.
The bacteria are still coming~
WE STILL NEED TO CLIMB DOWN TO SEA LEVEL.
WE REALLY DID OUR BEST, HUH, NATSU?
YES!
ONE...
TWO...
LEMME IN TOO!!
YET IT FEELS LIKE WE'VE BEEN HERE FOR DAYS.
IT'S...
ONLY BEEN ONE NIGHT...
I FEEL SO TOO.

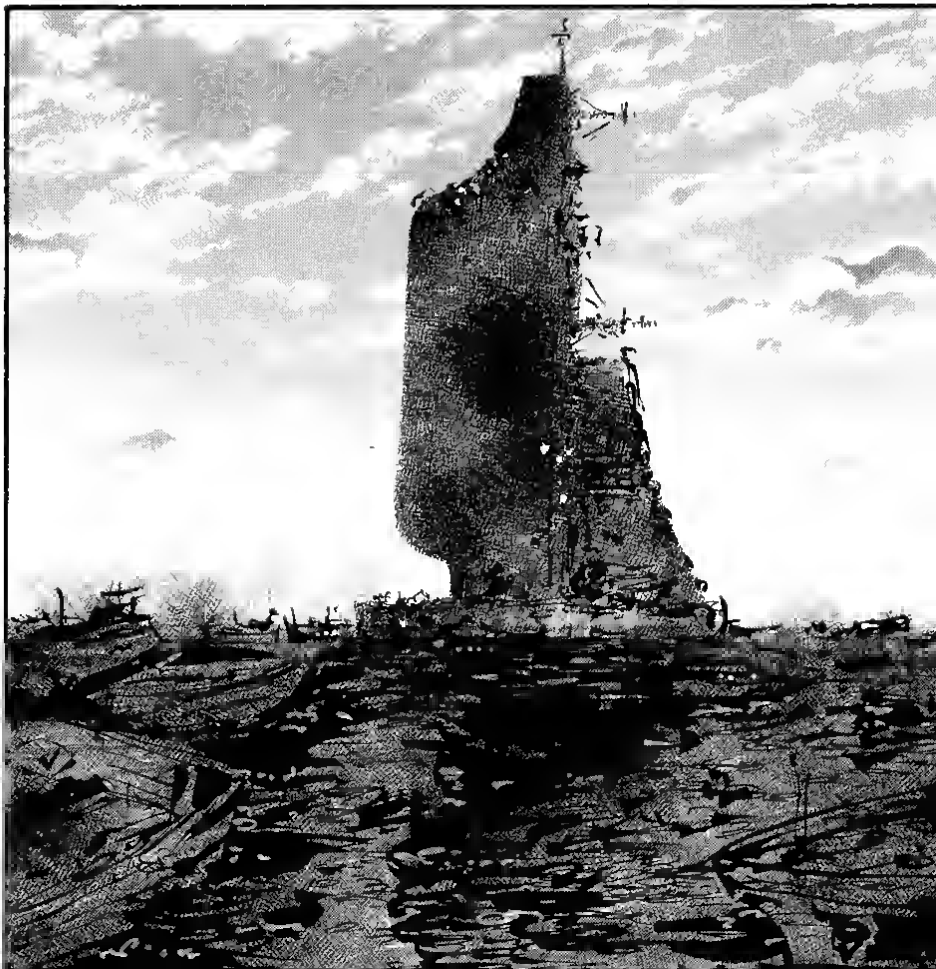

OH, JUST TAKING IT EASY.
WEL-COME BACK.
SPLAT
OH?
HOW'VE YOU BEEN?!
YO, CHIMAKI!
YEAH.
BE-CAUSE I'M BURNING SCRAP WOOD ...
FROM THE BOATS IN THIS AREA.
SMELLS LIKE SOMETHING'S BURNING!
Splash
Splash
OH THAT'S RIGHT! I FORGOT ABOUT THIS ..
AND THE WIND WON'T BLOW EITHER, HUH?
Splash
Splash
...THE SHIP WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE...
IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS ALGAE IT'S CAUGHT IN.
I'VE BEEN MAKING ...
PLENTY OF CHAR-COAL.
CHAR-COAL?!
The hell for?!


THERE ISN'T ...
A SINGLE STRAND OF ALGAE BENEATH THE SHIP.
I had a look when I fell
SO THEN I THOUGHT IT OVER AND REALISED...
So you were fine Chimaki?
EH?
YEAH, THAT'S WHY.
I MADE CHAR-COAL.

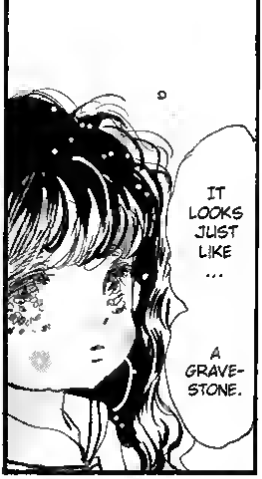

What a horrible sounding word!
IS THAT SCI-ENCE ?!
PHOTO -WHAT ...?!
IT'S SCIENCE, RIGHT !?
PHOTO-SYNTHE-SIS?
The answer.
PHOTO-SYNTHE-SIS.


SO I'M THINKING THAT IF WE GRIND CHARCOAL INTO POWDER AND SCATTER IT AROUND THE SHIP...
Splash
Splash
IT LOOKS LIKE THIS TYPE OF ALGAE RELIES HEAVILY ON PHOTOSYN-THESIS...
THAT'S WHY IT DISLIKES THE SHADE.
THAT WOULD DE-PRIVE THE ALGAE OF SUNLIGHT ...
THUS CAUSING IT TO RELEASE THE SHIP.

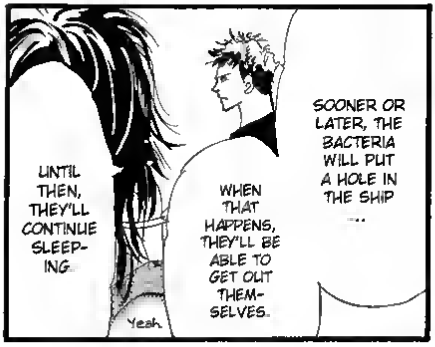

I JUST HAD A LOT OF FREE TIME ON MY HANDS.
YOU'RE AWESOME, CHIMAKI!
YOU'RE AMAZ-ING!
WE'LL STILL HAVE TO HAUL THE SHIP WITH THE DINGHY.
WELL, UNTIL WE GET TO A PLACE WHERE THE WIND BLOWS —
Now I get it!
THE CONCRETE ALGAE INSIDE THE SHIP WERE DEAD TOO.
COS THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO DO PHO-TO-SYN-THE-SIS, RIGHT?!
I DID A LITTLE EX-PERIMENT TOO...
OHH!
AH! THAT'S RIGHT!
AND I THINK IT'LL WORK.

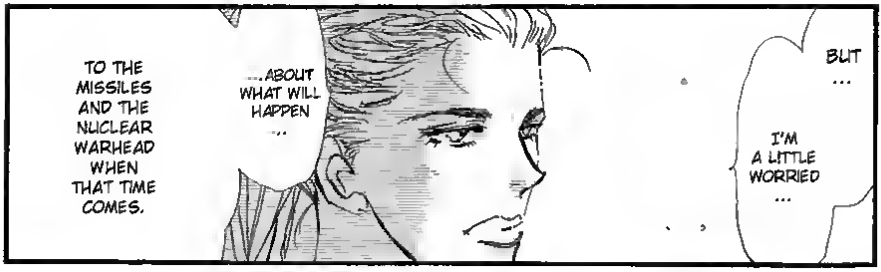

On par with the bacterial

I only managed to take two with me.
BUT I WANTED TO FREE THE TURTLES ...

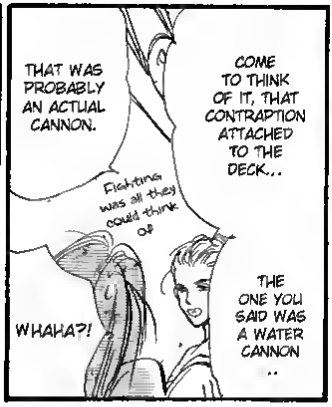

IT LOOKS JUST LIKE ...
A GRAVE-STONE.

EVENTUAL-LY IT'LL COLLAPSE AND SINK.
I WONDER HOW LONG IT'LL STAY VERTICAL LIKE THAT ...

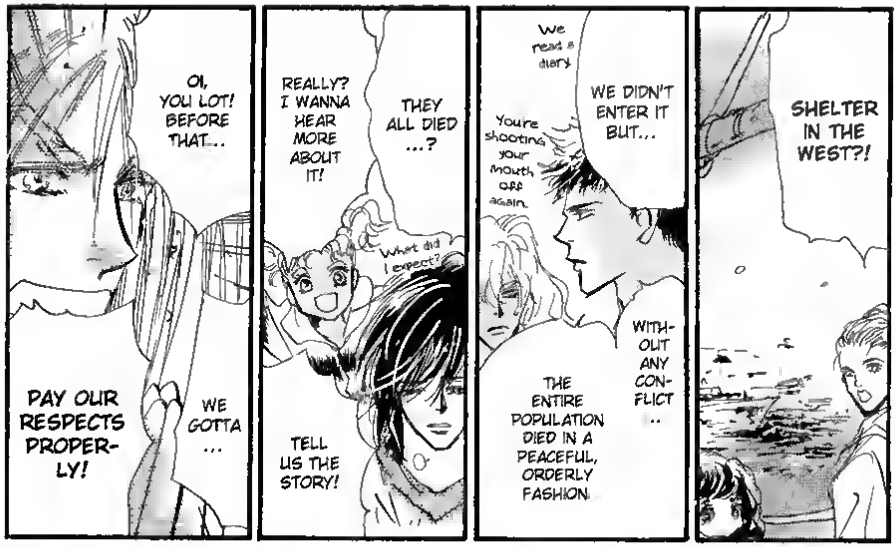

SOONER OR LATER, THE BACTERIA WILL PUT A HOLE IN THE SHIP ...
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THEY'LL BE ABLE TO GET OUT THEM-SELVES.
UNTIL THEN, THEY'LL CONTINUE SLEEP-ING.
Yeah.

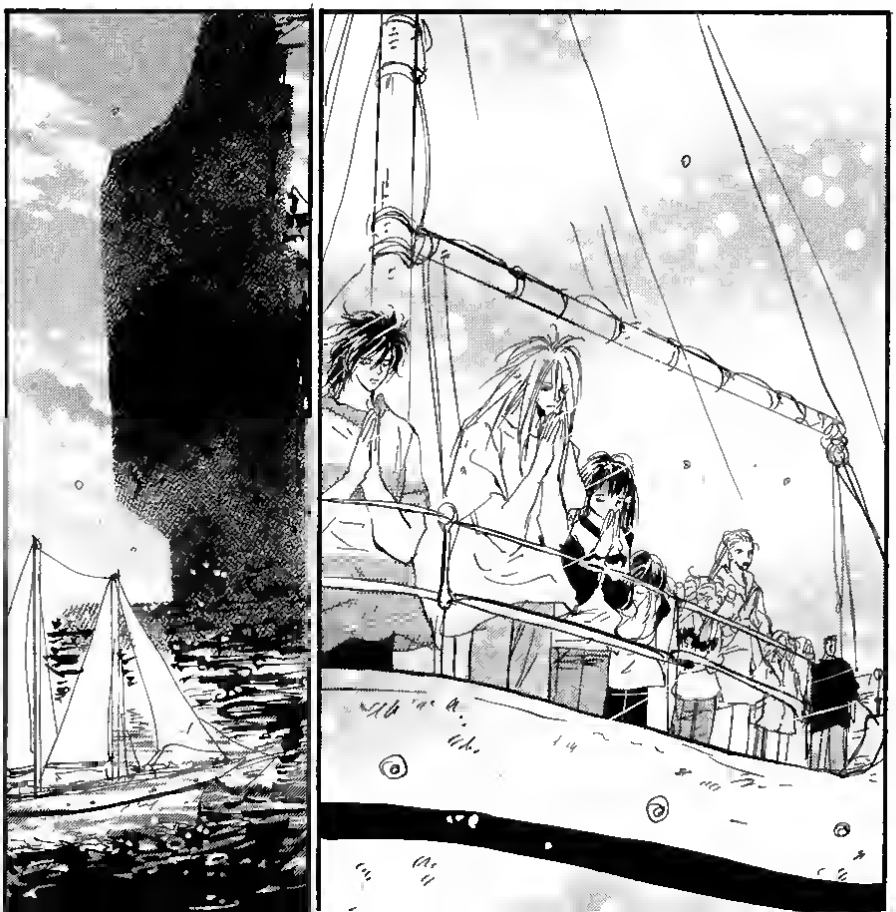

BUT ...
I'M A LITTLE WORRIED ...
...ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN ...
TO THE MISSILES AND THE NUCLEAR WARHEAD WHEN THAT TIME COMES.

THIS SHIP TURNED OUT TO BE VASTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE SHELTER IN THE WEST ...
PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY HAD WEAPONS HERE..


COME TO THINK OF IT, THAT CONTRAPTION ATTACHED TO THE DECK...
THAT WAS PROBABLY AN ACTUAL CANNON.
Fighting was all they could think of!
THE ONE YOU SAID WAS A WATER CANNON ..
WHAHA?!

GEH! DUMB-EST IDEA EVER!
IT'S ALL COS THEY LEFT US WEAPONS LIKE THAT!
JUST WHO'D THEY THINK WE'D BE FIGHTING ANYWAY?!


OI, YOU LOT! BEFORE THAT...
WE GOTTA ...
PAY OUR RESPECTS PROPERLY!
REALLY? I WANNA HEAR MORE ABOUT IT!
THEY ALL DIED ...?
What did I expect?
TELL US THE STORY!
We read a diary.
WE DIDN'T ENTER IT BUT...
You're shooting your mouth off again.
WITHOUT ANY CONFLICT ..
THE ENTIRE POPULATION DIED IN A PEACEFUL, ORDERLY FASHION.
SHELTER IN THE WEST?!



IT'S ALMOST ...
LIKE THE WORLD LOOKS DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE ...
WHAT IS IT, I WONDER ...?
THIS STRANGE FEELING ...
FEEL SO DEAR TO ME...
ALL THE THINGS AROUND US...
...ARA-SHI...
WITH EVERY ONE ELSE.
IN THIS WORLD
I WILL LIVE...

YEAH?
THERE'S ...
SOME-THING I NEED TO TELL YOU.
...HANA ...
IS DEAD.

I WILL
LIVE
HERE.

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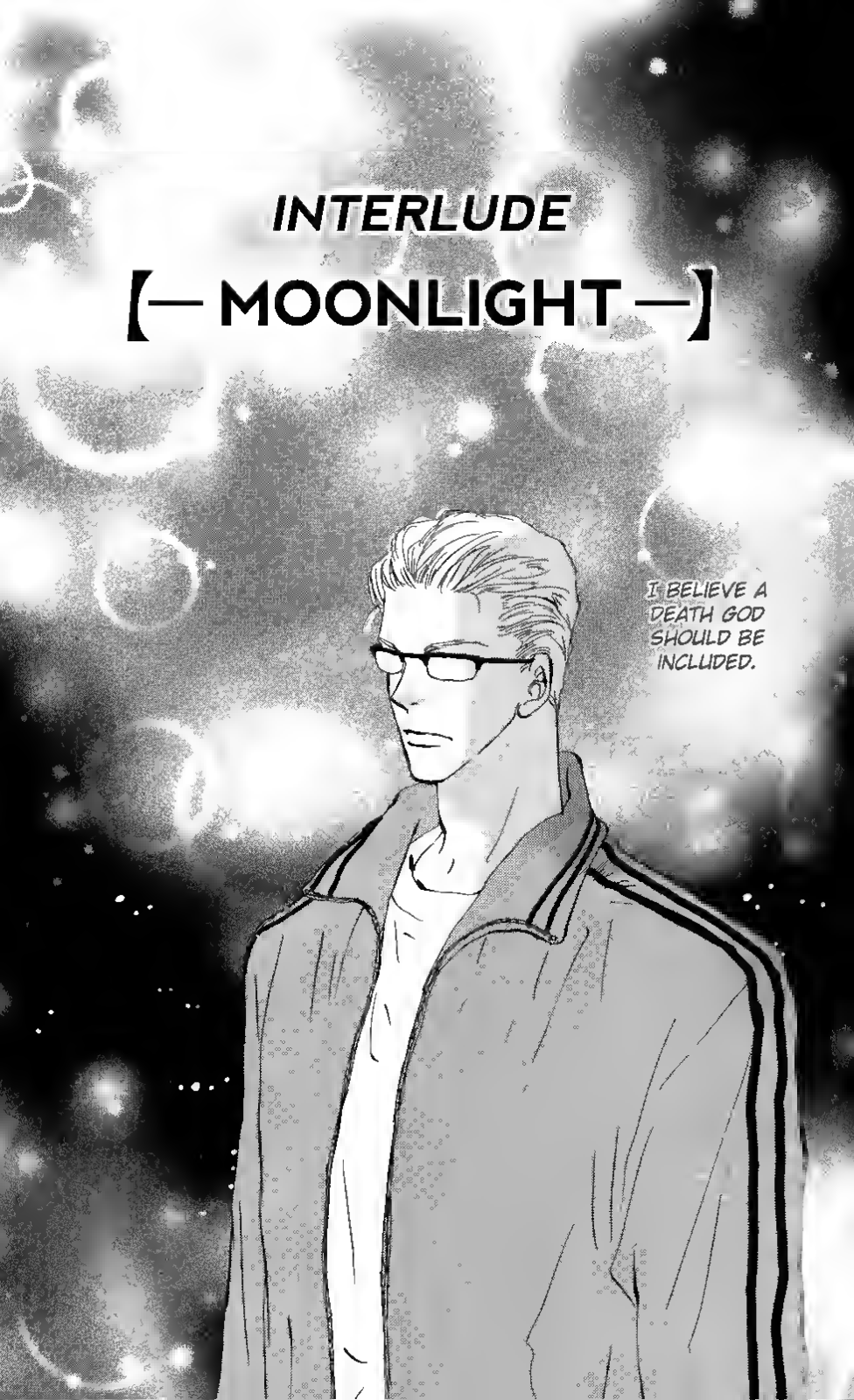
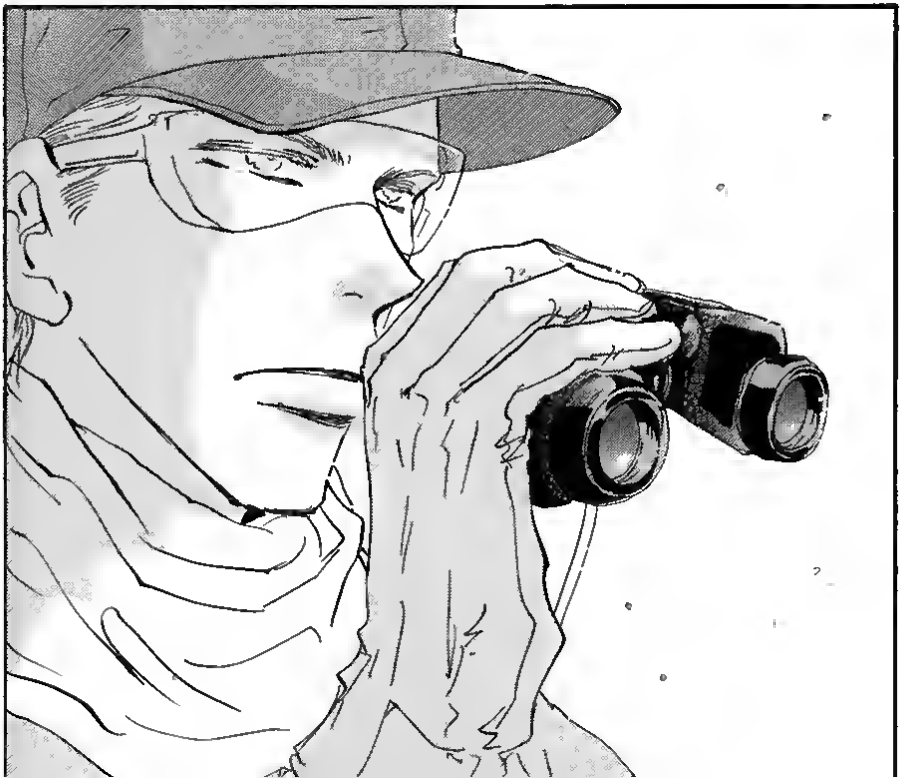
Chapter 109

INTERLUDE

【— MOONLIGHT —】





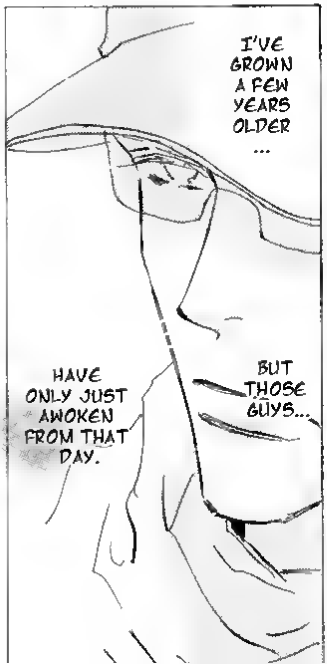
"EXILED."
"ANGO DIDN'T HELP HER."
"A TRIAL."
"HANA WAS WASHED AWAY."
JUST WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ANGO?
CAN TEAM SUMMER A SPLIT APART SO EASILY ...?
FURTHER-MORE, AYU WENT OFF ON HER OWN WITH ARAMAKI..
HOW...

I WOULD HAVE HAD TO WAIT 17 YEARS...
TO BE ADDED INTO TEAM SUMMER B.

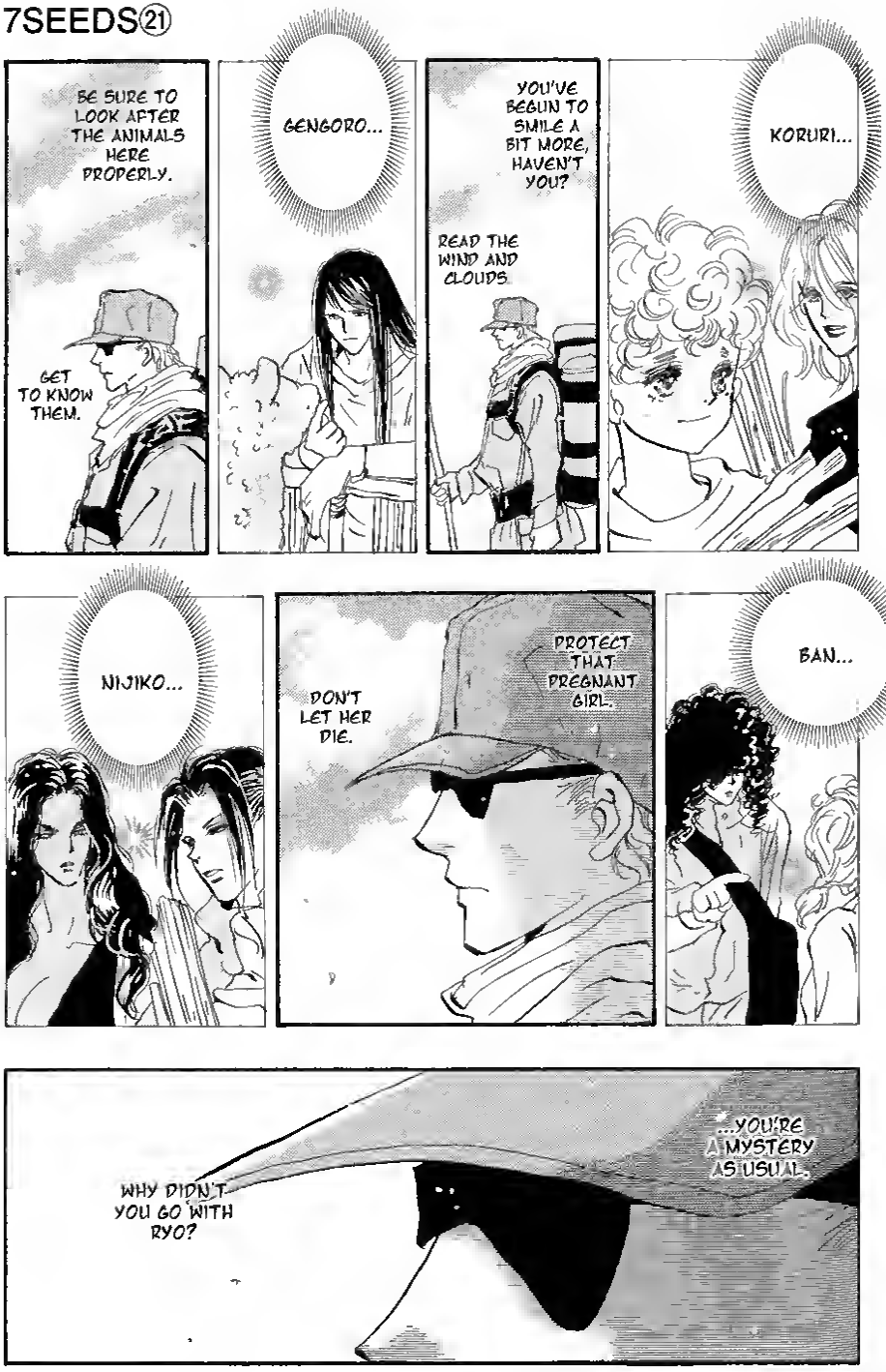
Crunch
Crunch

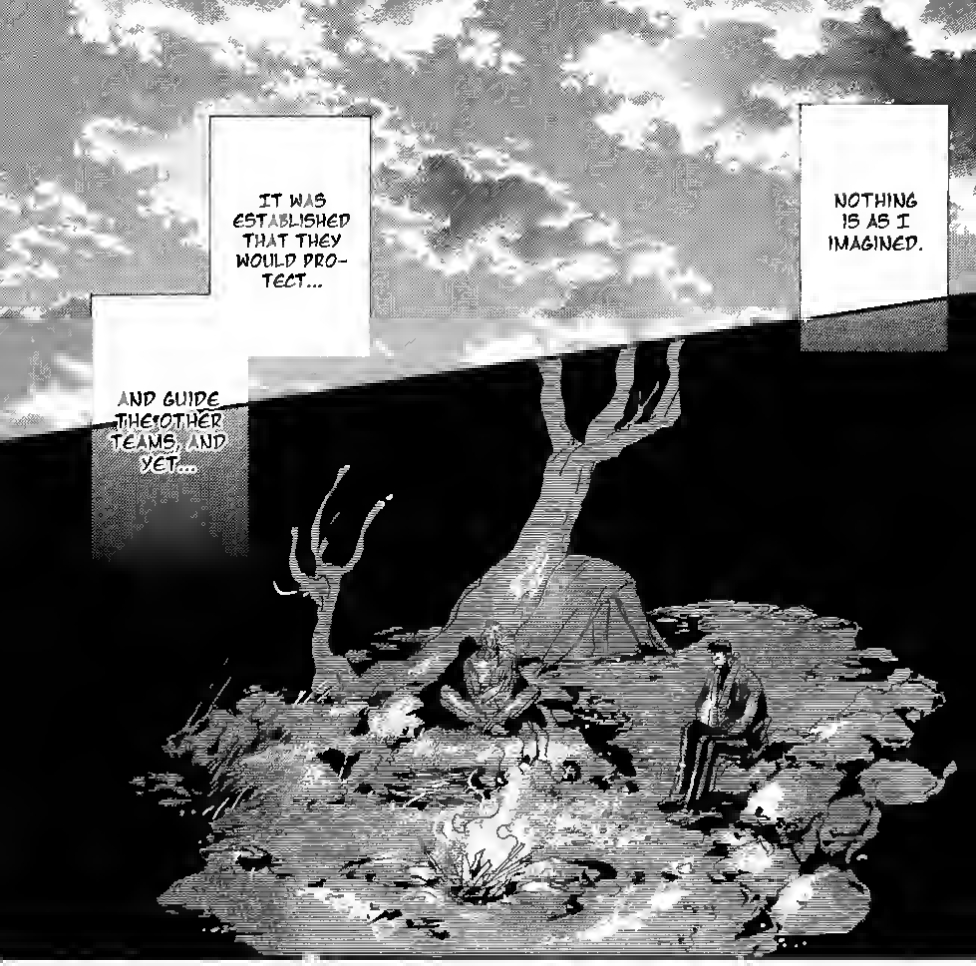
TAKASHI-SENPAI...
I THINK...
WE MAY HAVE FAILED AFTER ALL.

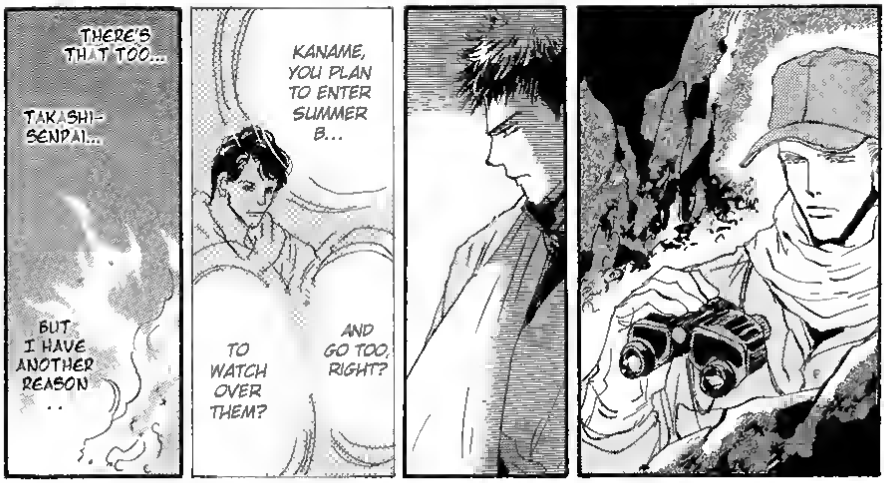
I WAS PUT TO SLEEP EARLIER THAN EXPECTED.
BUT BECAUSE I WOULD HAVE GROWN TOO OLD..


I'VE GROWN A FEW YEARS OLDER ...
BUT THOSE GUYS...
HAVE ONLY JUST AWOKEN FROM THAT DAY.

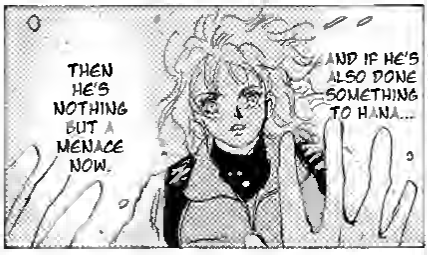
I'VE GOT A GENERAL IDEA OF WHO'S WHO NOW.
Lunch time
THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T KNOW WHO WAS CHOSEN BESIDES THOSE FROM SUMMER A.
BUT THERE ARE STILL SOME I HAVEN'T SEEN...

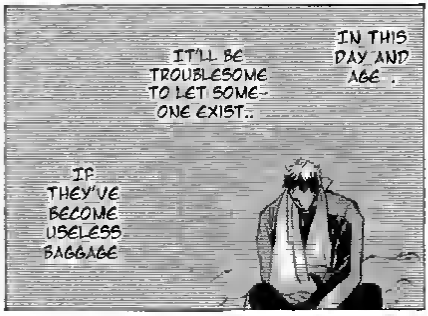

BE SURE TO LOOK AFTER THE ANIMALS HERE PROPERLY.
GET TO KNOW THEM.
GENGORO...
YOU'VE BEGUN TO SMILE A BIT MORE, HAVEN'T YOU?
READ THE WIND AND CLOUDS.
KORURI...
NIJIKO...
DON'T LET HER DIE.
PROTECT THAT PREGNANT GIRL.
BAN...
WHY DIDN'T YOU GO WITH RYO?
...YOU'RE A MYSTERY AS USUAL.


IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT THEY WOULD PROTECT...
NOTHING IS AS I IMAGINED.
AND GUIDE THE OTHER TEAMS, AND YET...

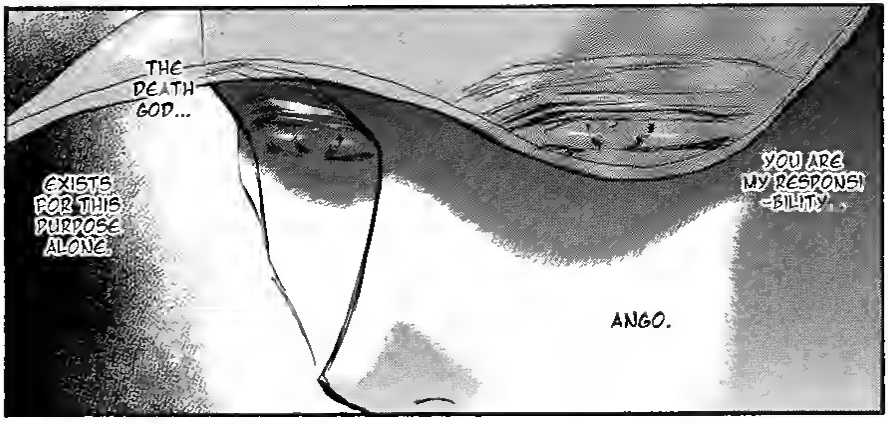

THERE'S THAT TOO...
TAKASHI-SENPAI...
BUT I HAVE ANOTHER REASON...
KANAME, YOU PLAN TO ENTER SUMMER B...
TO WATCH OVER THEM?
AND GO TOO, RIGHT?

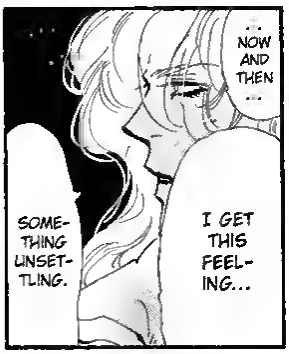
ANGO HAS ALREADY KILLED ONE OF THE GUIDES.

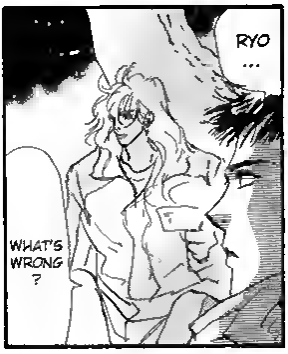

THEN HE'S NOTHING BUT A MENACE NOW.
AND IF HE'S ALSO DONE SOMETHING TO HANA...

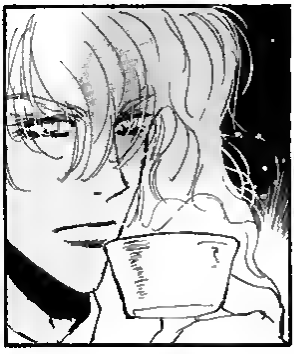

IT'LL BE TROUBLESOME TO LET SOME-ONE EXIST..
IN THIS DAY AND AGE .
IF THEY'VE BECOME USELESS BAGGAGE

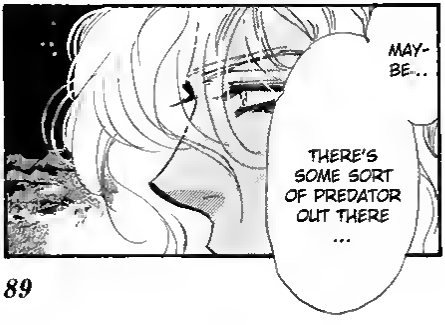
IF WE TRULY HAVE FAILED ...
THEN I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THINGS.

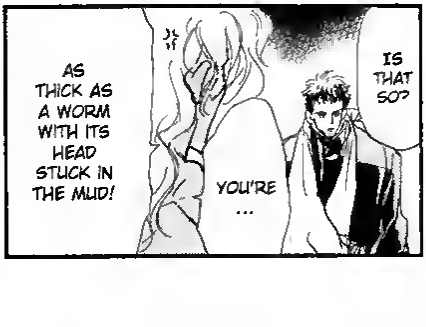

THE DEATH GOD...
EXISTS FOR THIS PURPOSE ALONE.
YOU ARE MY RESPONSI-BILITY.
ANGO.


...NOW AND THEN...
I GET THIS FEELING...
SOMETHING UNSETTLING.


RYO...
WHAT'S WRONG?




MAYBE...
THERE'S SOME SORT OF PREDATOR OUT THERE...


AS THICK AS A WORM WITH ITS HEAD STUCK IN THE MUD!
YOU'RE...
IS THAT SO?

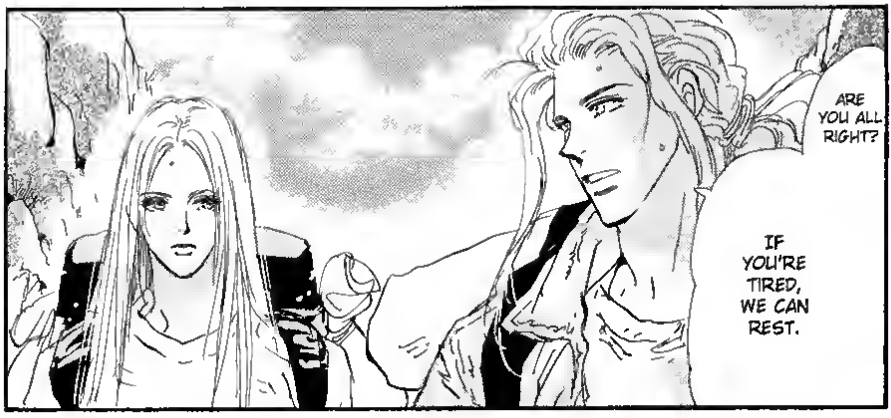
ANGO AND RYO ...
HAVE MADE CONTACT WITH TEAM SUMMER B.
RYO IS AS SHARP AS EVER.
WHY DOES HE STAY WITH ANGO?
COME TO THINK OF IT .
WHAT HAPPENED TO UNAMI-SENSEI?
NOT THAT IT MATTERS .
ANGO HAS BEGUN LOOKING AFTER NATSU.
It's a little unexpected but
HIS NURTURING QUALITIES HAVEN'T CHANGED
AS USUAL, SEMI-MARU...
IS HAVING THE TIME OF HIS LIFE
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY'RE TAKING...
THE HIGH-HANDED APPROACH THEY DID WITH TEAM AUTUMN.

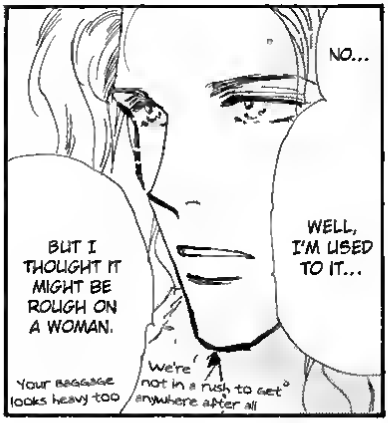
JOINING THAT SUMMER B, I WONDER WHAT'S GOING THROUGH THEIR HEADS...
SHALL I JUST WAIT AND SEE ...?
IF THERE AREN'T ANY ORDINARY PEOPLE OUT THERE...
ALL TRAILS LEFT BY US BECOME BLATANTLY OBVIOUS.
MAYBE I SHOULD CATCH UP WITH AYU.
Crunch
Crunch
THEY MUST BE BAFFLED.
THEN THEY'LL BE BEYOND SAVING.
IF THEY'RE CAPABLE OF HARMING SUMMER B...

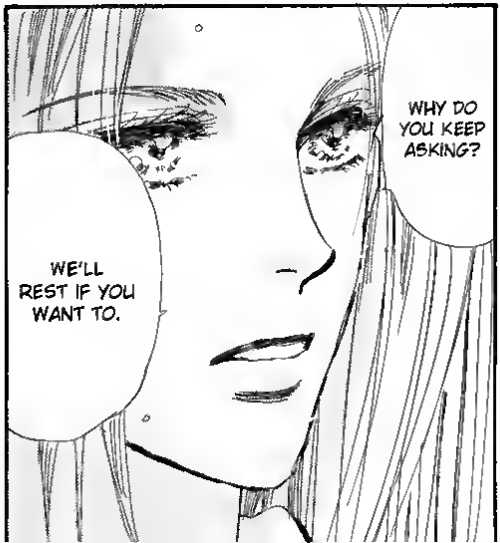
AS WELL AS SIGNS OF...
HUNTING AND HARVEST-ING...

TRACES OF A FIRE BEING LIT ...
AND EXCRE-MENT IS LEFT BEHIND TOO.

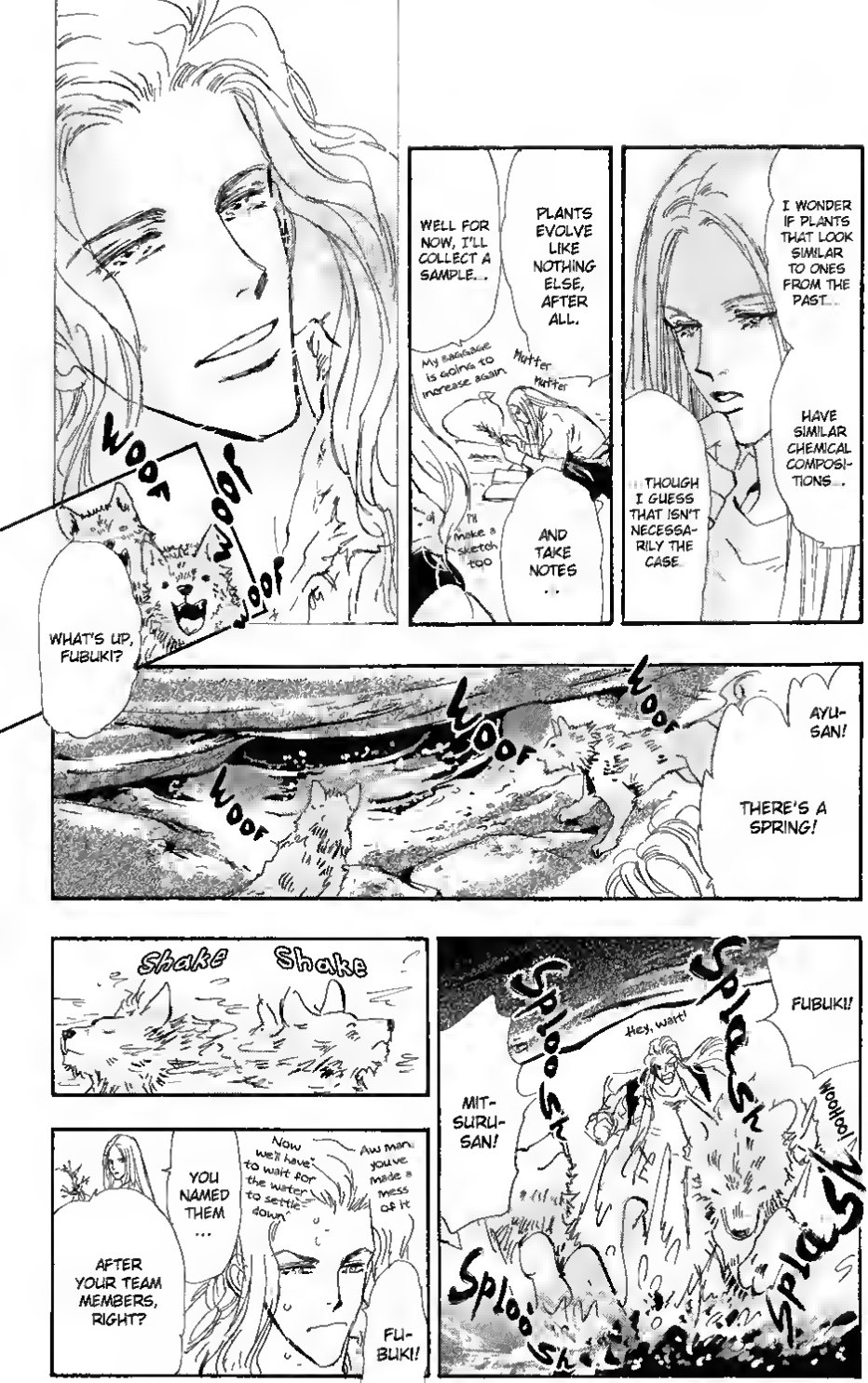
MORE-OVER, THE NUMBER OF PATHS ACCESSI-BLE TO HUMANS IS LIMITED.

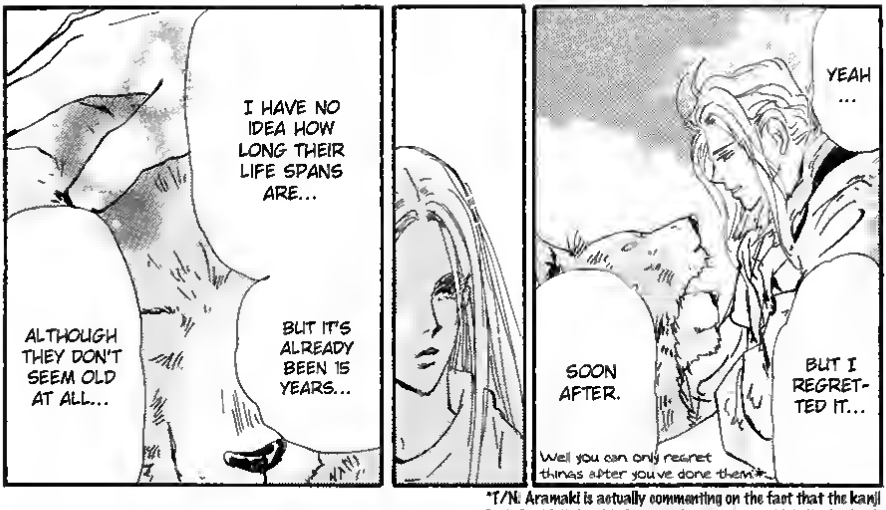

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
IF YOU'RE TIRED, WE CAN REST.


NO...
WELL, I'M USED TO IT...
BUT I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE ROUGH ON A WOMAN.
Your baggage looks heavy too
We're not in a rush to get anywhere after all

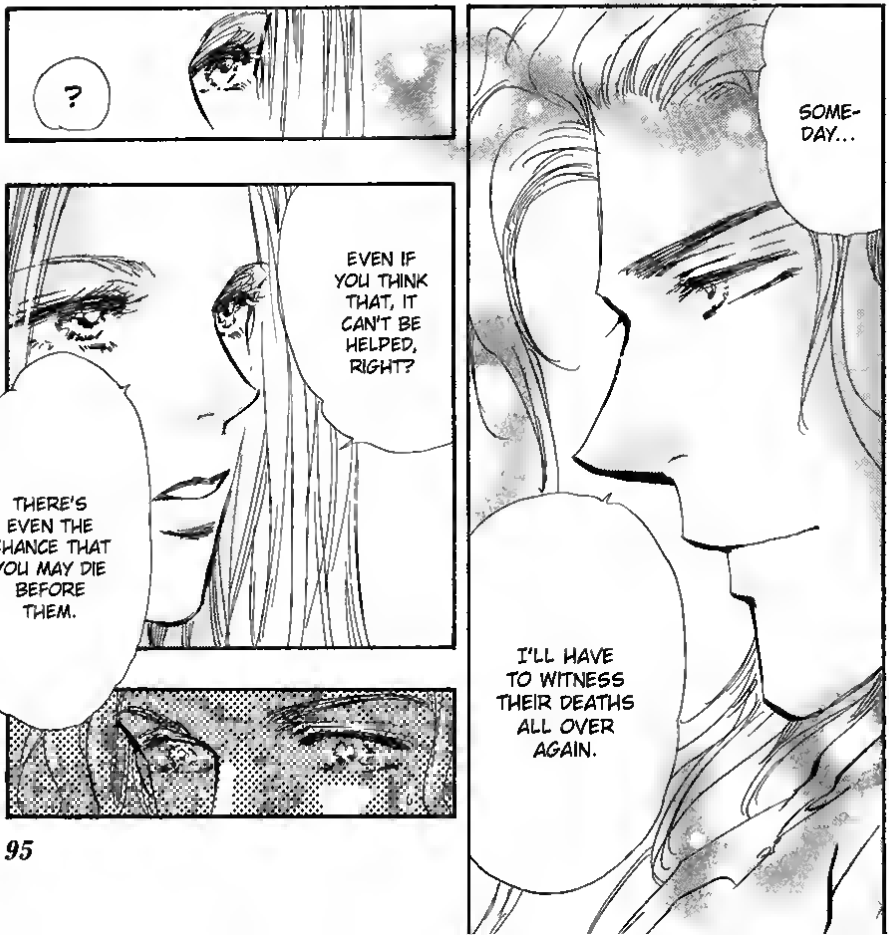

WHY DO YOU KEEP ASKING?
WE'LL REST IF YOU WANT TO.

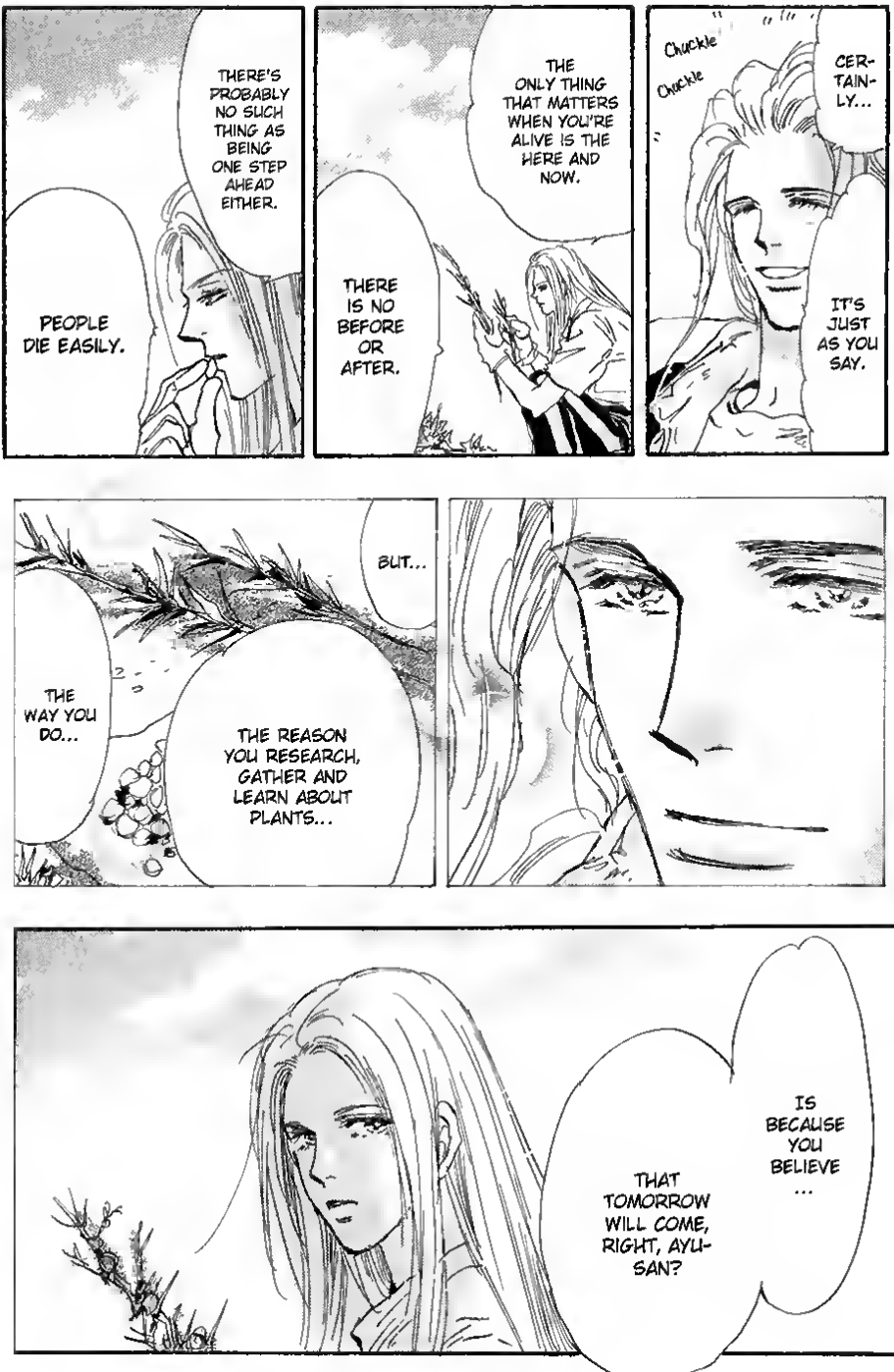
It's not a matter of male or female, it's whether you're stupid or smart
WE CLEARED THE SAME CHALLENGES ...
AND TOOK THE SAME TESTS.
DIFFERENCE IN MUSCLE MASS CAN'T BE HELPED ...
BUT IN GENERAL, MALES AND FEMALES ...
WERE TREATED NO DIFFERENTLY IN OUR INSTITUTE.
I'M FULLY CAPABLE OF RUNNING A FULL MARATHON.
PHYSICALLY, I DON'T THINK I'M ANY DIFFERENT FROM A MAN.
Oh...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN ONE.
YOU CAN'T FIND THEM IN THE SOUTH.
They can be preserved if you roast them lightly
Ah!
THIS TREE ..
ITS FRUIT TASTES NUTTY AND DELICIOUS.
Careful, it has thorns.
I SEE.
PLEASE EXCUSE ME!
I've really done it now. ^^;
Hmm?
WILLOW BARK IS KNOWN TO BE EFFECTIVE AGAINST FEVERS AFTER ALL ..
IT LOOKS LIKE RIVERSIDE WILLOW.
AND THAT OVER THERE ...
IS GOOD FOR WHEN YOU CATCH A COLD.

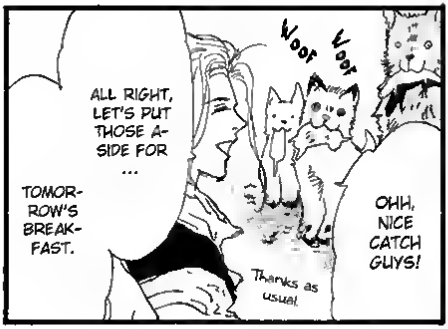

I WONDER IF PLANTS THAT LOOK SIMILAR TO ONES FROM THE PAST...
HAVE SIMILAR CHEMICAL COMPOSITIONS...
...THOUGH I GUESS THAT ISN'T NECESSARILY THE CASE.
PLANTS EVOLVE LIKE NOTHING ELSE, AFTER ALL.
WELL FOR NOW, I'LL COLLECT A SAMPLE...
Mutter Mutter
My backache is going to increase again.
I'll make a sketch too
AND TAKE NOTES...
Woof Woof Woof
WHAT'S UP, FUBUKI?
Woof Woof Woof
AYU-SAN!
THERE'S A SPRING!
Shake Shake
YOU NAMED THEM...
AFTER YOUR TEAM MEMBERS, RIGHT?
Now we'll have to wait for the water to settle down.
Aw man, you've made a mess of it
FU-BUKI!
Splash Splash Splash Splash
Hey, wait!
FUBUKI!
MIT-SURU-SAN!
Whoosh!

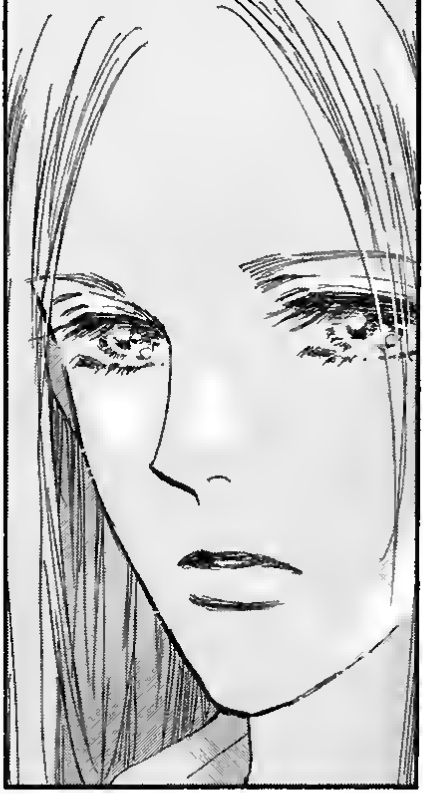

I HAVE NO IDEA HOW LONG THEIR LIFE SPANS ARE...
BUT IT'S ALREADY BEEN 15 YEARS...
ALTHOUGH THEY DON'T SEEM OLD AT ALL...
YEAH...
BUT I REGRETTED IT...
SOON AFTER.
Well you can only regret things after you've done them*

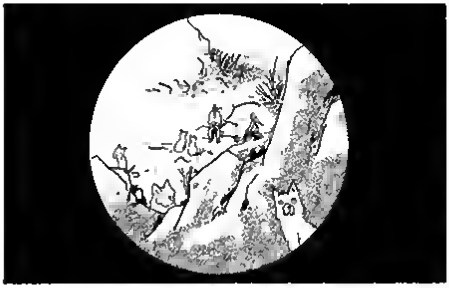
*T/N: Aramaki is actually commenting on the fact that the kanji for 'after' (後 kou) is found in the word 'regret' (後悔 koukai)

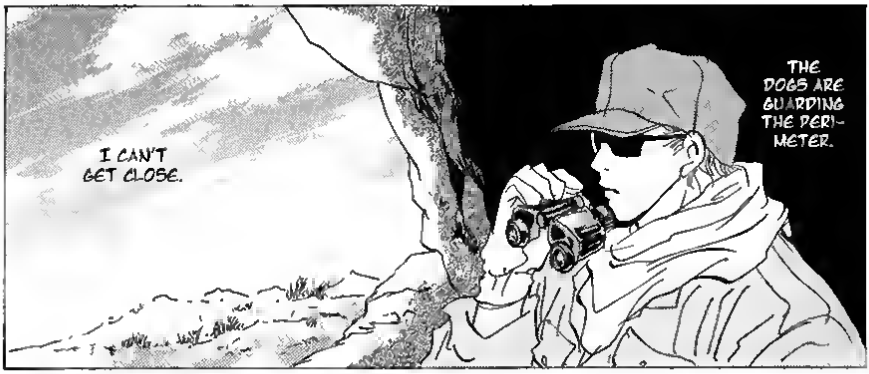

?
EVEN IF YOU THINK THAT, IT CAN'T BE HELPED, RIGHT?
THERE'S EVEN THE CHANCE THAT YOU MAY DIE BEFORE THEM.
SOMEDAY...
I'LL HAVE TO WITNESS THEIR DEATHS ALL OVER AGAIN.

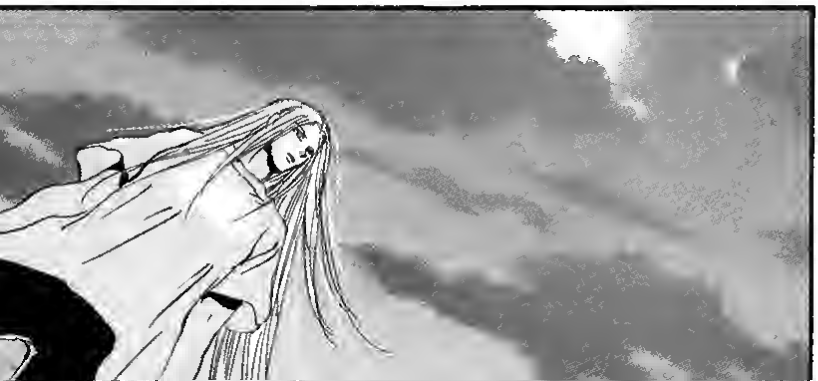

THERE'S PROBABLY NO SUCH THING AS BEING ONE STEP AHEAD EITHER.
PEOPLE DIE EASILY.
THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS WHEN YOU'RE ALIVE IS THE HERE AND NOW.
THERE IS NO BEFORE OR AFTER.
Chuckle Chuckle
CER-TAIN-LY...
IT'S JUST AS YOU SAY.
BUT...
THE WAY YOU DO...
THE REASON YOU RESEARCH, GATHER AND LEARN ABOUT PLANTS...
IS BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE ...
THAT TOMORROW WILL COME, RIGHT, AYU-SAN?

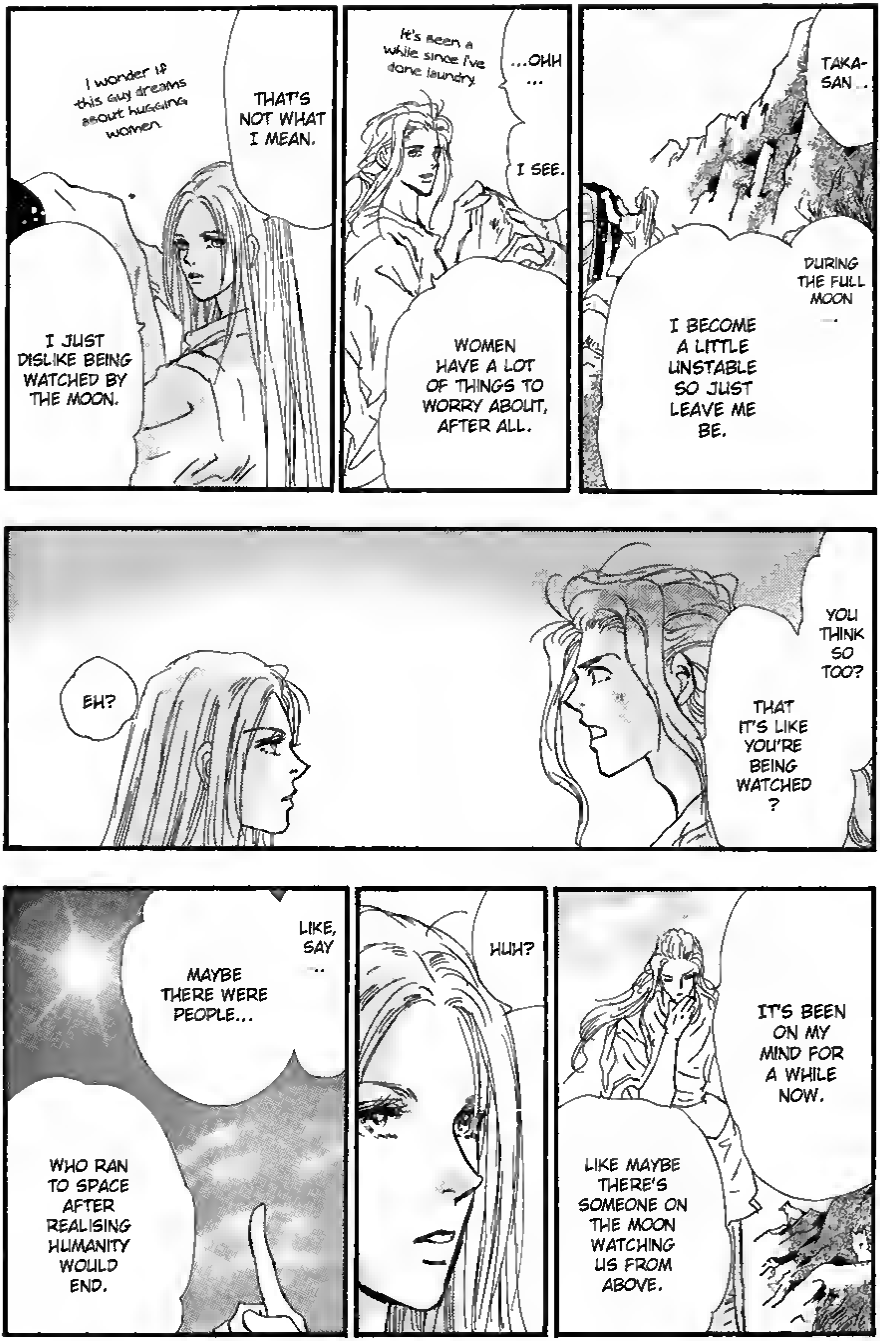

Woof
Woof
ALL RIGHT, LET'S PUT THOSE A-SIDE FOR ...
TOMOR-ROW'S BREAK-FAST.
OHH, NICE CATCH GUYS!
Thanks as usual

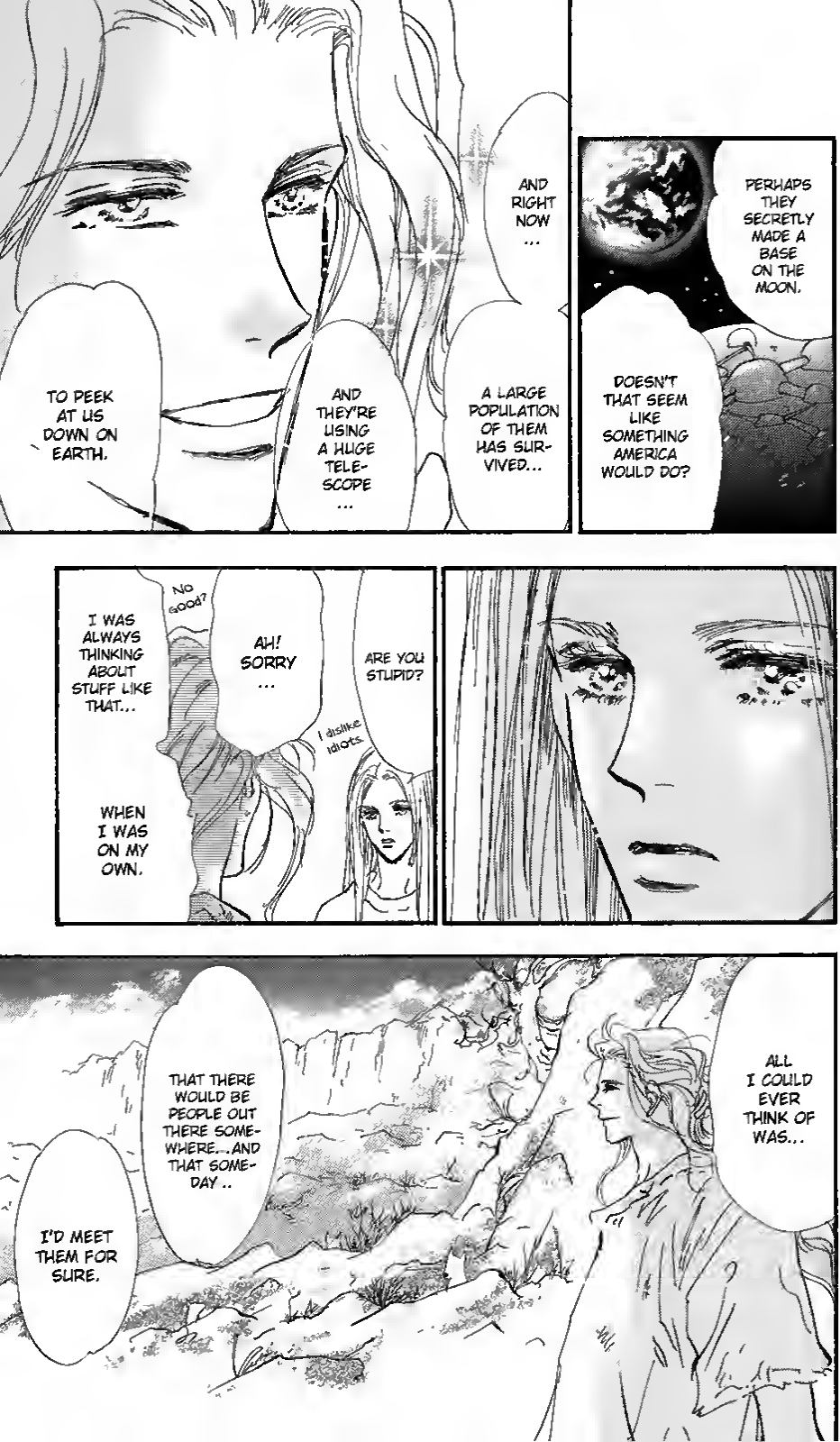


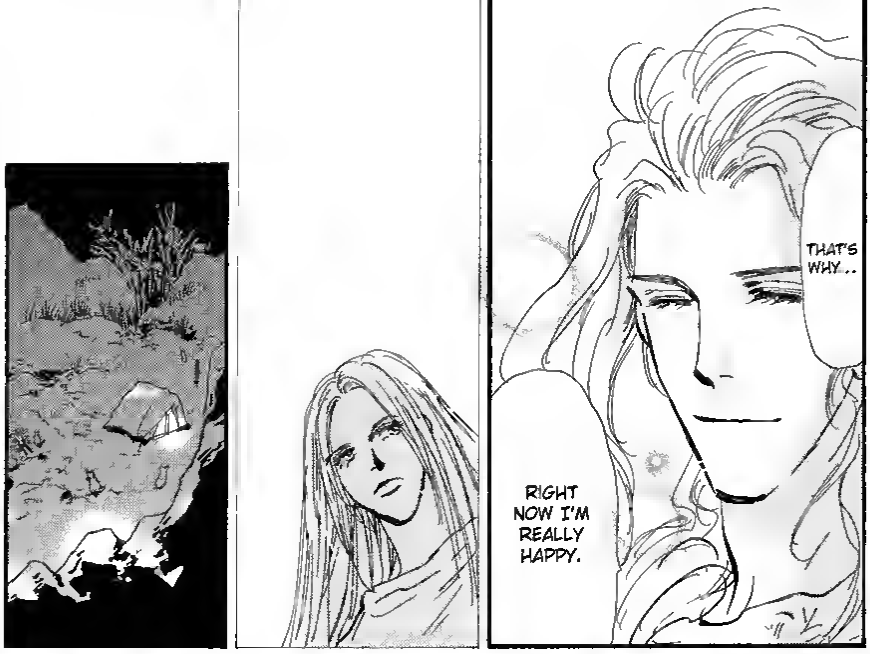


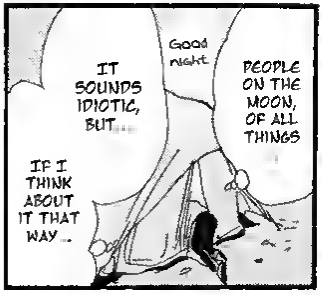

I CAN'T GET CLOSE.
THE DOGS ARE GUARDING THE PERI-METER.



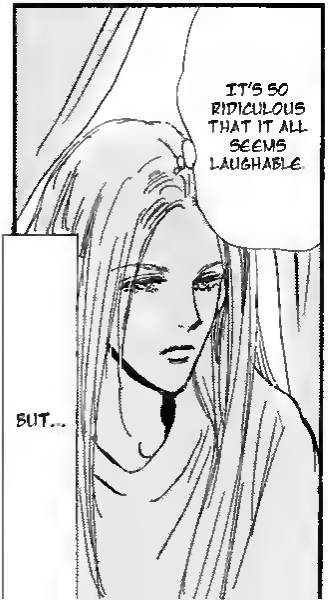

I wonder if this guy dreams about hugging women
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN.
I JUST DISLIKE BEING WATCHED BY THE MOON.
It's been a while since I've done laundry
...OHH ...
I SEE.
WOMEN HAVE A LOT OF THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT, AFTER ALL.
TAKA-SAN..
DURING THE FULL MOON ...
I BECOME A LITTLE UNSTABLE SO JUST LEAVE ME BE.
EH?
YOU THINK SO TOO?
THAT IT'S LIKE YOU'RE BEING WATCHED ?
LIKE, SAY ...
MAYBE THERE WERE PEOPLE...
WHO RAN TO SPACE AFTER REALISING HUMANITY WOULD END.
HUH?
IT'S BEEN ON MY MIND FOR A WHILE NOW.
LIKE MAYBE THERE'S SOMEONE ON THE MOON WATCHING US FROM ABOVE.

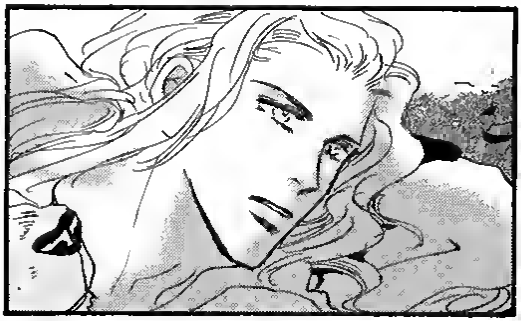

TO PEEK AT US DOWN ON EARTH.
AND THEY'RE USING A HUGE TELE-SCOPE ...
A LARGE POPULATION OF THEM HAS SUR-VIVED...
AND RIGHT NOW ...
DOESN'T THAT SEEM LIKE SOMETHING AMERICA WOULD DO?
PERHAPS THEY SECRETLY MADE A BASE ON THE MOON.
I WAS ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT...
WHEN I WAS ON MY OWN.
NO GOOD?
AH! SORRY ...
I dislike idiots.
ARE YOU STUPID?
I'D MEET THEM FOR SURE.
THAT THERE WOULD BE PEOPLE OUT THERE SOME-WHERE...AND THAT SOME-DAY ..
ALL I COULD EVER THINK OF WAS...


THAT'S WHY...
RIGHT NOW I'M REALLY HAPPY.


Good night.
PEOPLE ON THE MOON, OF ALL THINGS
IT SOUNDS IDIOTIC, BUT...
IF I THINK ABOUT IT THAT WAY...

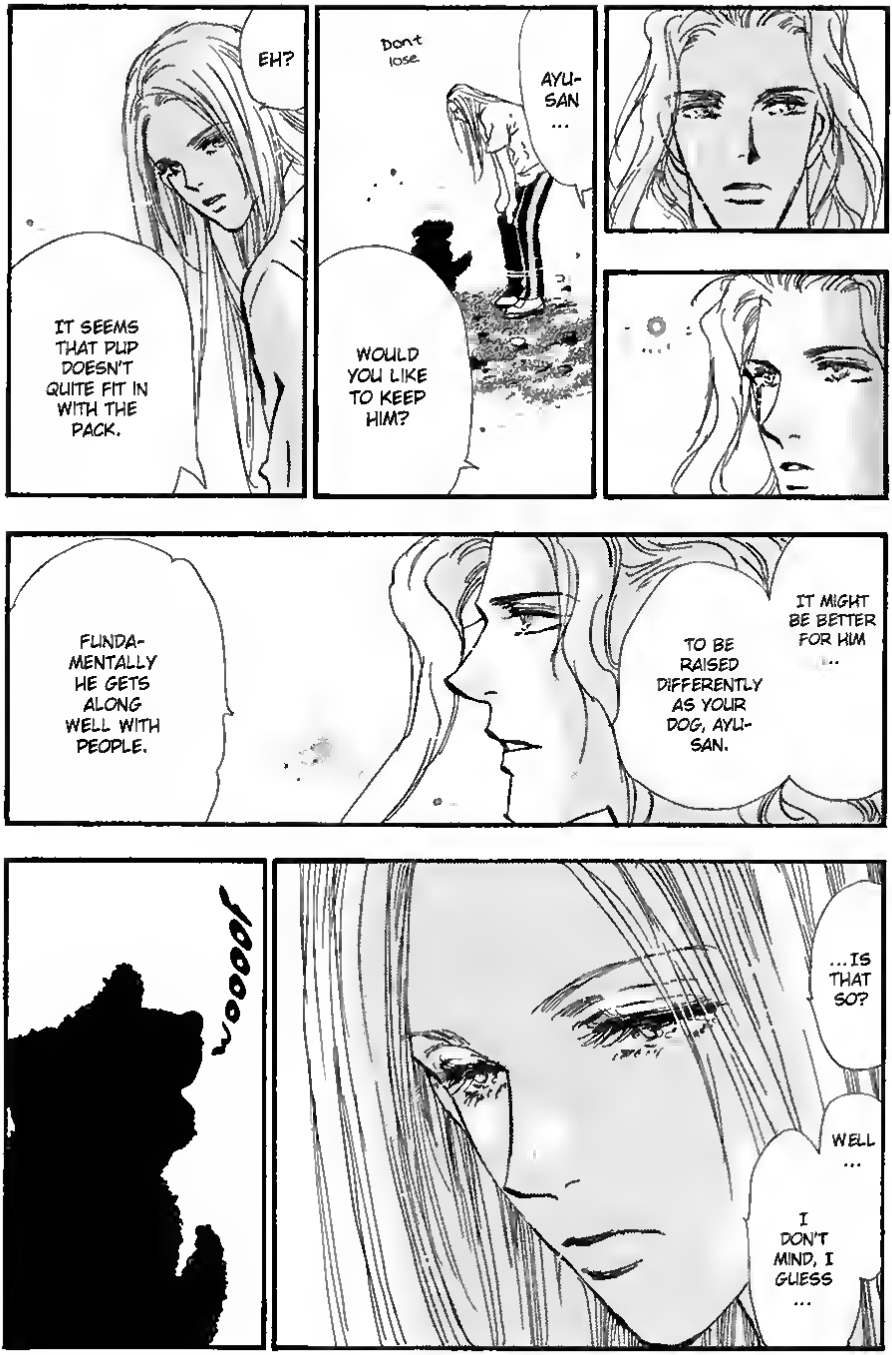
I THOUGHT THAT TRAVELLING...
ALONE WITH A WOMAN WOULD BE AWKWARD AND NERVE-WRACKING...
BUT AYU-SAN IS BLUNT AND STOUT-HEARTED...
IN A SENSE, IT'S KIND OF FUN.


IT'S SO RIDICULOUS THAT IT ALL SEEMS LAUGHABLE.
BUT...

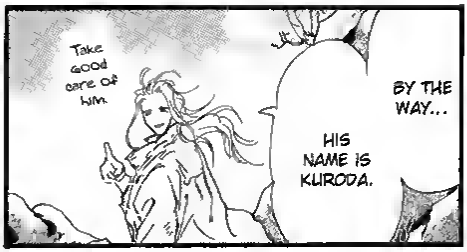


BARK
BARK
GROWL
YELP

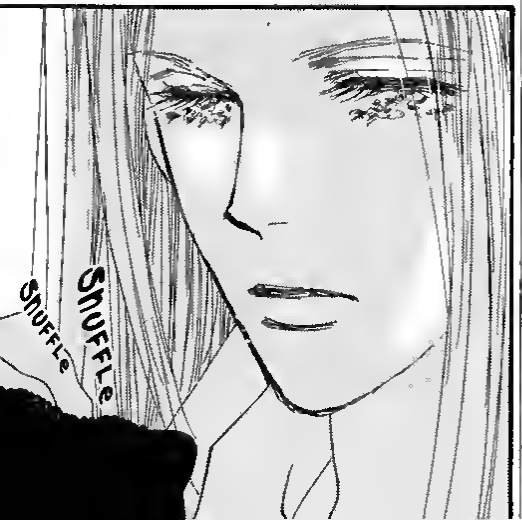
NOW AND THEN THIS SORT OF THING HAPPENS.
To other pups too.
IT SEEMS THIS IS HOW THEY DECIDE WHO'S IN CHARGE ...
AS WELL AS WHO'S ABOVE OR BELOW WHOM
AHH... THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN.
TAKA-SAN ...
THEY'RE BULLYING THE BLACK PUP
HE MUST'VE BEEN CHEEKY.
GROWL
BARK
BARK
YELP
YEAH, THEY DON'T ACTUALLY BITE EACH OTHER.
IS HE OKAY?
WHIMPER
WHIMPER
Cough
Cough
OCCASION-ALLY THEY DO SUCH THINGS SECRETLY AT NIGHT TOO.
Woof
Woof
Yelp
IT'S SOMETHING LIKE THE HIERARCHY OF THE PACK.
BUT IT MUST BE FRUSTRAT-ING...

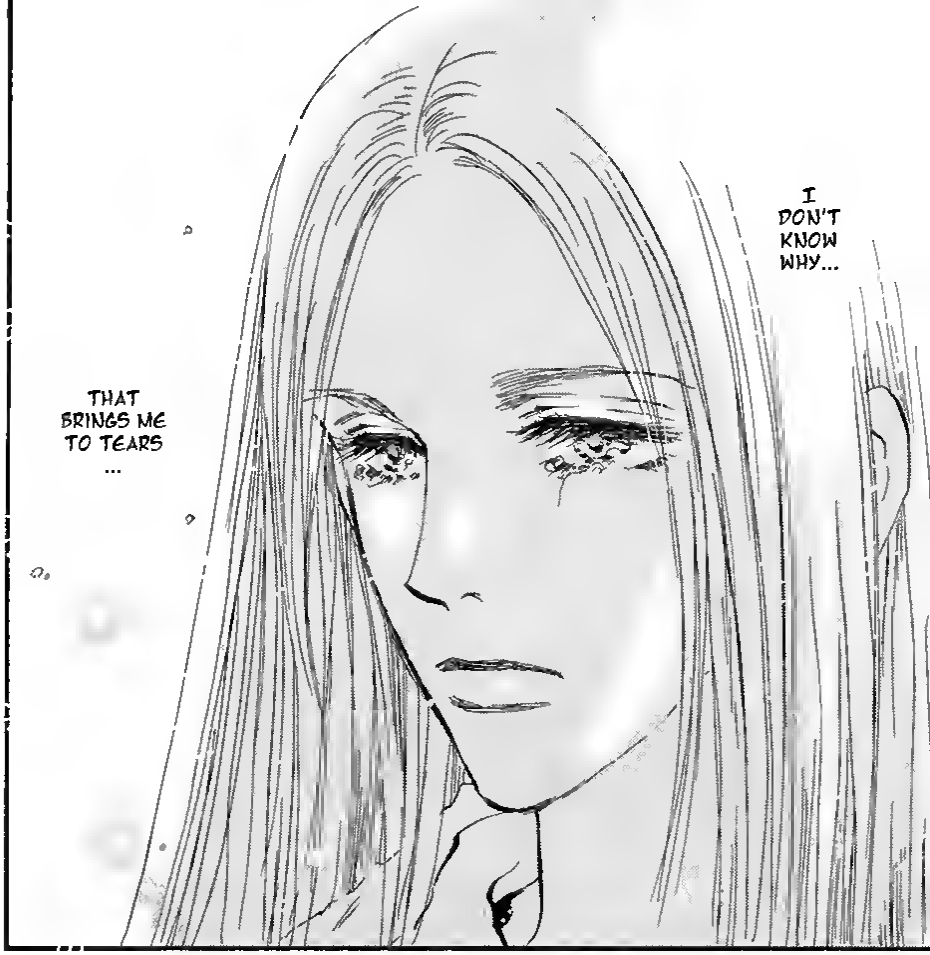

EH?
IT SEEMS THAT PUP DOESN'T QUITE FIT IN WITH THE PACK.
Don't lose
AYU-SAN ...
WOULD YOU LIKE TO KEEP HIM?
FUNDA-MENTALLY HE GETS ALONG WELL WITH PEOPLE.
TO BE RAISED DIFFERENTLY AS YOUR DOG, AYU-SAN.
IT MIGHT BE BETTER FOR HIM ...
WOOOF
...IS THAT SO?
WELL ...
I DON'T MIND, I GUESS ...

AYU-SAN...
I'M SURE HE'LL KEEP YOU...
WARM ...
ON COLD NIGHTS.
THAT ...
IS THE ONLY WAY I KNOW, AFTER ALL.



*T/N: The *kuro* in Kuroda means 'black'




I DON'T KNOW WHY...
THAT BRINGS ME TO TEARS ...

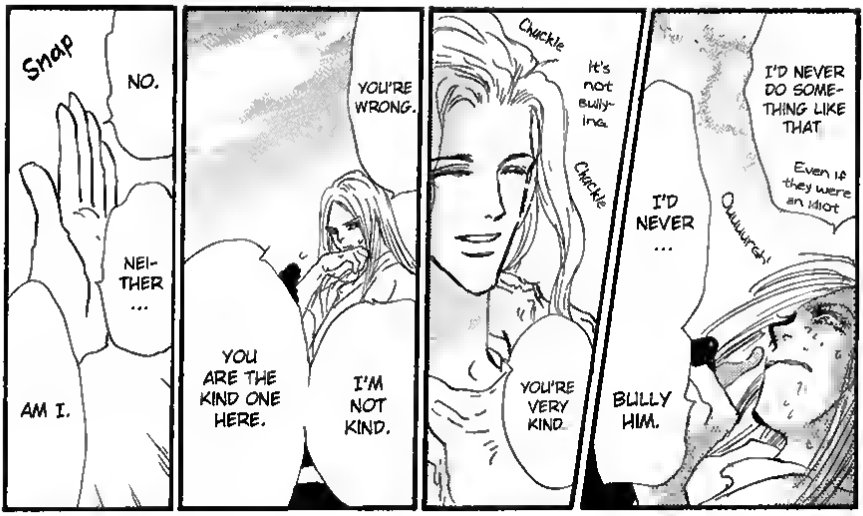
SLOBBER
SLOBBER
SLOBBER

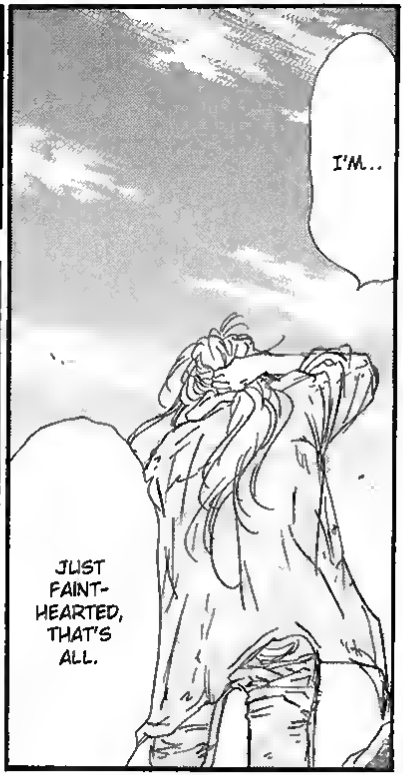
HE'S A REAL LICKER ...
SLOBBER
SLOBBER
Ah, he got her

woof

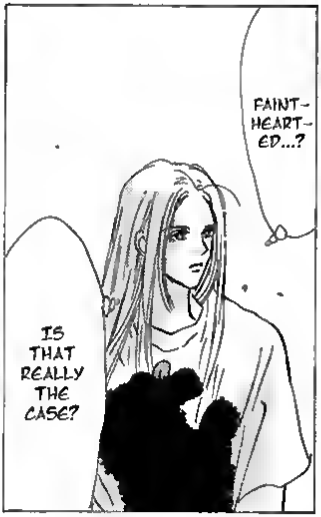
AH!
I FOR-GOT!
AYU-SAN!

Sorry about that.
IF YOU REALLY DON'T LIKE IT ...
GIVE HIM A SMACK ...
AND LET HIM KNOW IT'S NOT OKAY.

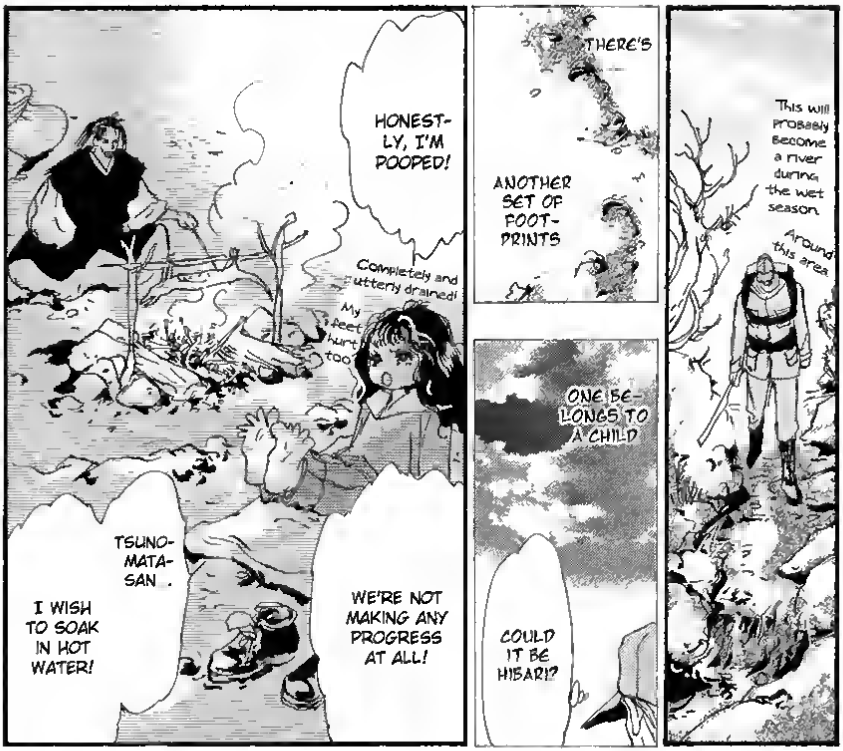

Snap
NO.
NEI-THER ...
AM I.
YOU'RE WRONG.
YOU ARE THE KIND ONE HERE.
I'M NOT KIND.
Chuckle
It's not bully-ing.
Chuckle
YOU'RE VERY KIND.
I'D NEVER ...
BULLY HIM.
I'D NEVER DO SOME-THING LIKE THAT
Even if they were an idiot
Ouuuuugh


I'M...
JUST FAINT-HEARTED, THAT'S ALL.

Slosser


FAINT-HEART-ED...?
IS THAT REALLY THE CASE?

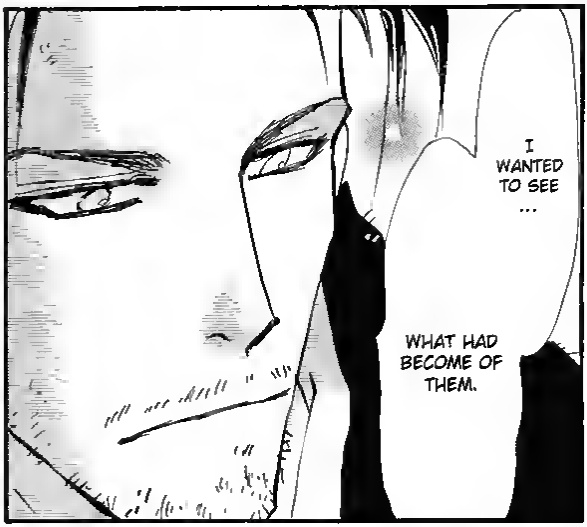
WELL, AT LEAST SHE DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE A DANGER AT PRESENT.
I SUPPOSE I'LL LEAVE HER BE.
JUST WHAT IS SHE DOING?
SHE WENT TO SUCH PAINS TO BE AN ELITE, AND NOW SHE'S PLAYING WITH DOGS


HONEST-LY, I'M POOPED!
Completely and utterly drained!
My feet hurt too
I WISH TO SOAK IN HOT WATER!
TSUNO-MATA-SAN.
WE'RE NOT MAKING ANY PROGRESS AT ALL!
THERE'S ANOTHER SET OF FOOT-PRINTS
ONE BE-LONGS TO A CHILD
COULD IT BE HIBARI?
This will probably become a river during the wet season.
Around this area.

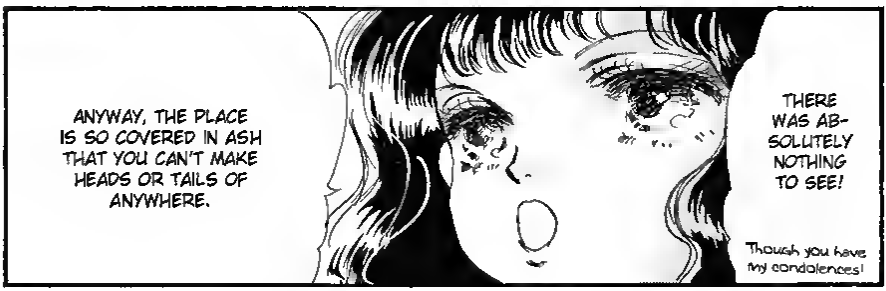
TSUNO-MATA-SAN...
I WANTED TO RETURN TO SADO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ...

AND BECAUSE THEY'RE HIBER-NATING ...
YOU CAN CATCH AND EAT AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE.
Crackle Snap
Tastes great too, just like chicken

IGNORING!
THE DRY SEASON IS GREAT
YOU DON'T GET DINOSAURS ATTACKING YOU..
You can get by if you just look for water

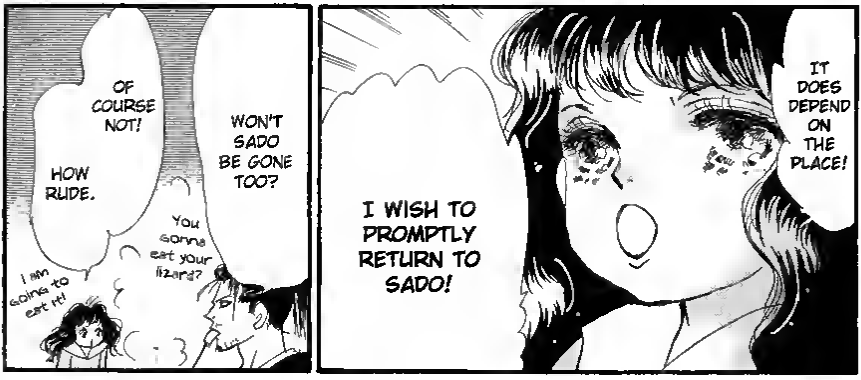

I WANTED TO SEE ...
WHAT HAD BECOME OF THEM.

Come now, it was just on our way
YET YOU INSISTED ON VISITING NARA AND KYOTO.
BE-CAUSE I COME FROM THOSE PLACES.
IT WAS SUCH A BIG DETOUR.


ANYWAY, THE PLACE IS SO COVERED IN ASH THAT YOU CAN'T MAKE HEADS OR TAILS OF ANYWHERE.
THERE WAS AB-SOLUTELY NOTHING TO SEE!
Though you have my condolences!

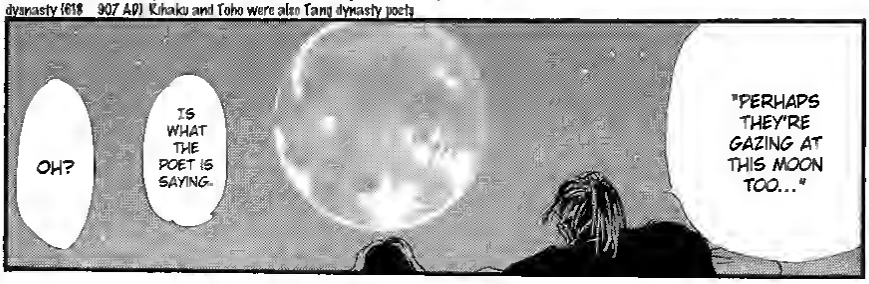
HAVE BOTH KYOTO ...
AND NARA ...
COME TO AN END AFTER ALL ?
NATU-RALLY ...
WHEN ONE'S COUNTRY FALLS TO RUIN ...
ALL THAT'S LEFT ARE THE MOUN-TAINS AND RIVERS.
THE WOODEN BUILDINGS WOULD'VE BURNT TO THE GROUND, RIGHT?
BUT PERHAPS SOME OF THE BUDDHIST STATUES AND ALTERS ...
WERE BURIED INSTEAD.
MAYBE YOU COULD DIG THEM OUT?
Like the dainutsu

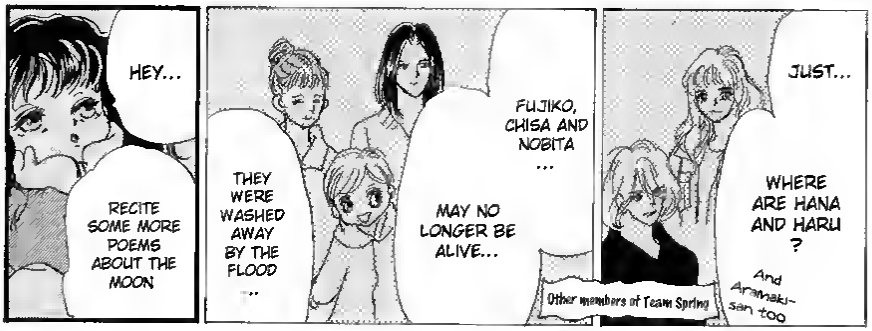
I GUESS SO ..
THE IMPORTANCE OF RELIGIOUS FAITH AND HISTORY...
DOESN'T DEPEND ON THE PLACE AFTER ALL.
EVEN A SINGLE SLITHER OF DEVOTION IS ALL IT TAKES.


IT DOES DEPEND ON THE PLACE!
I WISH TO PROMPTLY RETURN TO SADO!
WON'T SADO BE GONE TOO?
OF COURSE NOT!
HOW RUDE.
You gonna eat your lizard?
I am going to eat it!

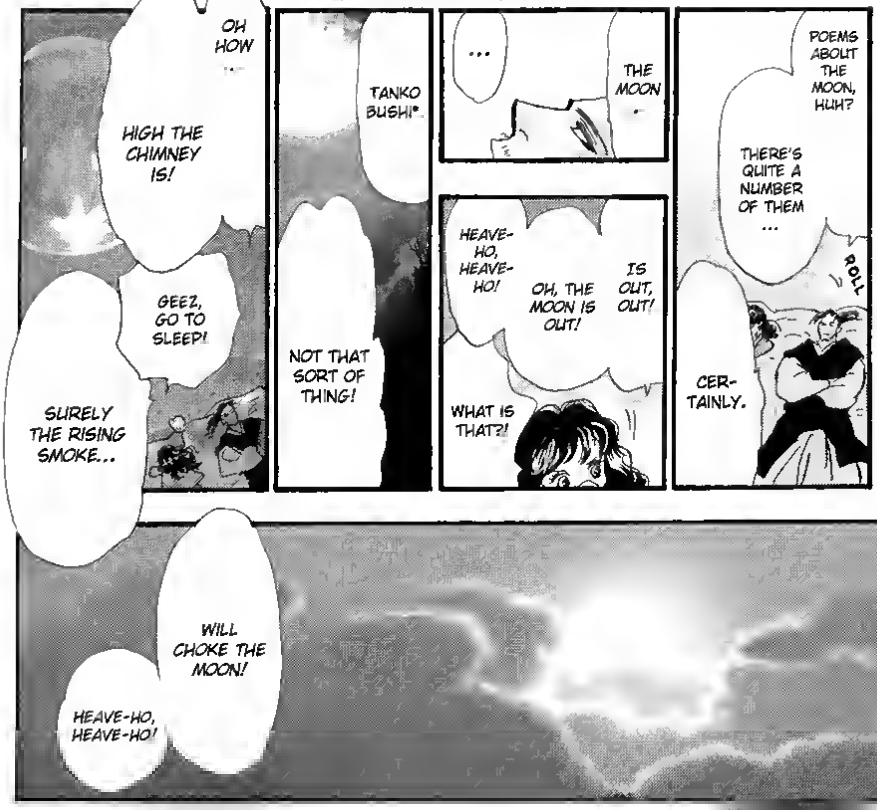
Humble Humble
ALL EYES BEHOLD THE MOON THIS NIGHT ...
YET I KNOW NOT WHO ELSE DWELLS IN AUTUMN MELAN-CHOLY.
WHAT IS THAT?
*Author's Note: Excerpt from Mid-Autumn Moon by Ohken**
"I WONDER WHERE EVERYONE IS..."

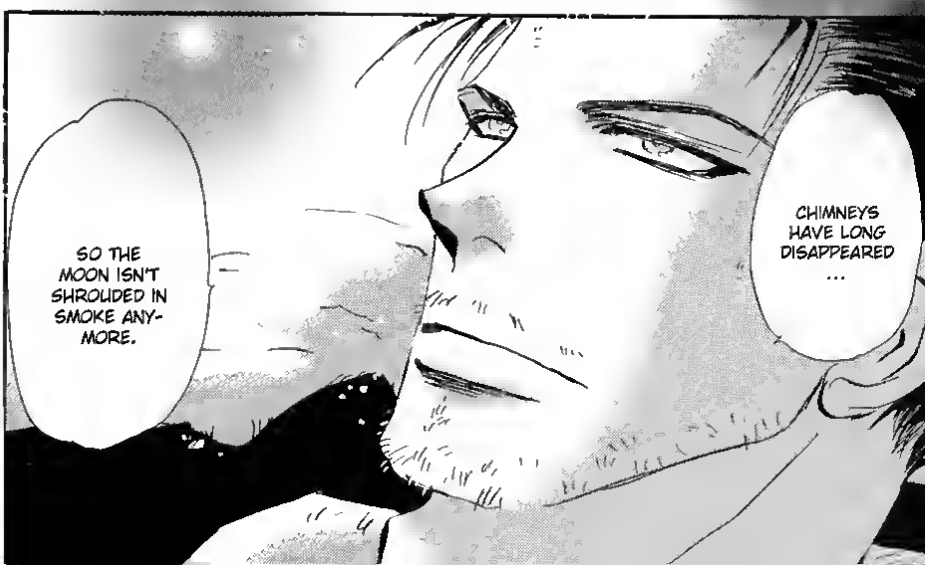
**T/N Ohken (a.k.a Wang Jien) was a lesser known Chinese poet of the Tang dynasty (618 - 907 AD). Kihaku and Toho were also Tang dynasty poets.




HEY...
RECITE SOME MORE POEMS ABOUT THE MOON
THEY WERE WASHED AWAY BY THE FLOOD ...
FUJIKO, CHISA AND NOBITA ...
MAY NO LONGER BE ALIVE...
Other members of Team Spring
JUST...
WHERE ARE HANA AND HARU ?
And Aramaki-san too

*T/N: Tanko Bushi is a Japanese folk song about coal mining and is commonly used for *bon odori* during the Bon festival

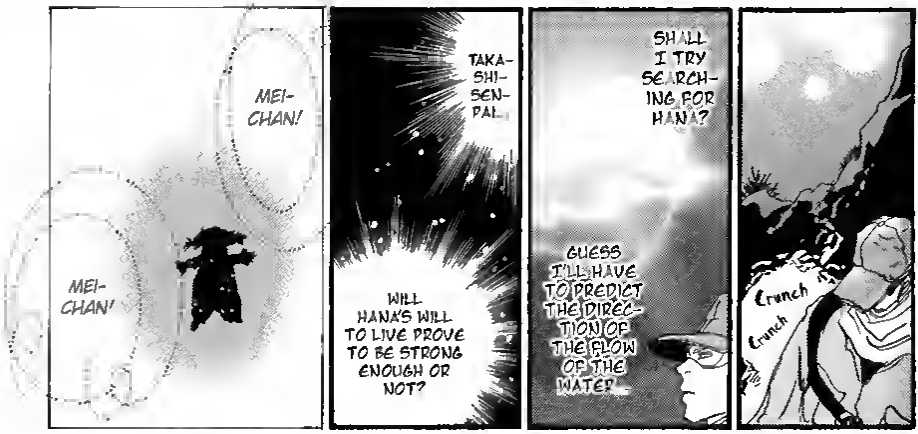




To comfort the reclusive heart...
The [illegible] moon we love...
Their napes bathed in moonlight.
Hangs luminescent over the sprawling woods.

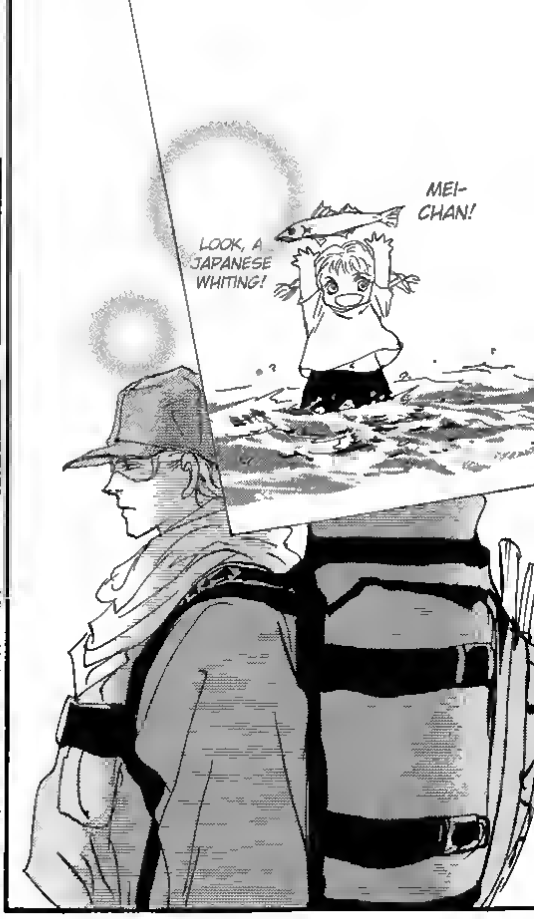
*Author's Note: Excerpt from 'Mountain Moon' by Shin Sanmin**.

**T/N- Shin Sanmin (a.k.a Zhen Shan Min) was a lesser known Chinese poet of the Song Dynasty (960 – 1279 AD).


MEI-CHAN!
MEI-CHAN!
TAKA-SHI-SEN-PAI...
WILL HANA'S WILL TO LIVE PROVE TO BE STRONG ENOUGH OR NOT?
SHALL I TRY SEARCH-ING FOR HANA?
GUESS I'LL HAVE TO PREDICT THE DIREC-TION OF THE FLOW OF THE WATER...
Crunch
Crunch

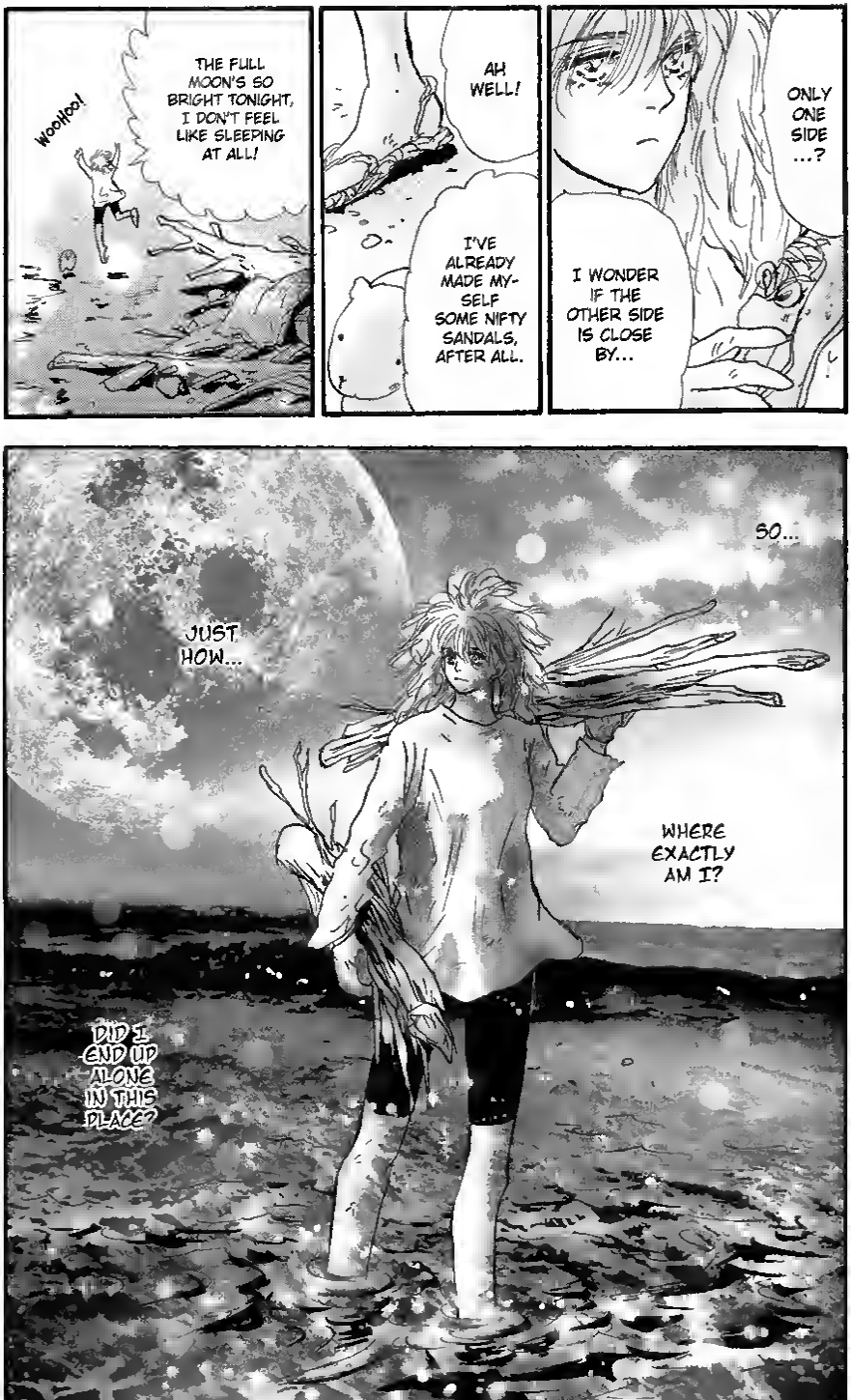
Sploosh

SHAAA


MEI-CHAN!
LOOK, A JAPANESE WHITING!

MY SHOE!

SHAAA
SHAAA


Woohoo!
THE FULL MOON'S SO BRIGHT TONIGHT, I DON'T FEEL LIKE SLEEPING AT ALL!
AH WELL!
I'VE ALREADY MADE MYSELF SOME NIFTY SANDALS, AFTER ALL.
ONLY ONE SIDE ...?
I WONDER IF THE OTHER SIDE IS CLOSE BY...
SO...
JUST HOW...
WHERE EXACTLY AM I?
DID I END UP ALONE IN THIS PLACE?

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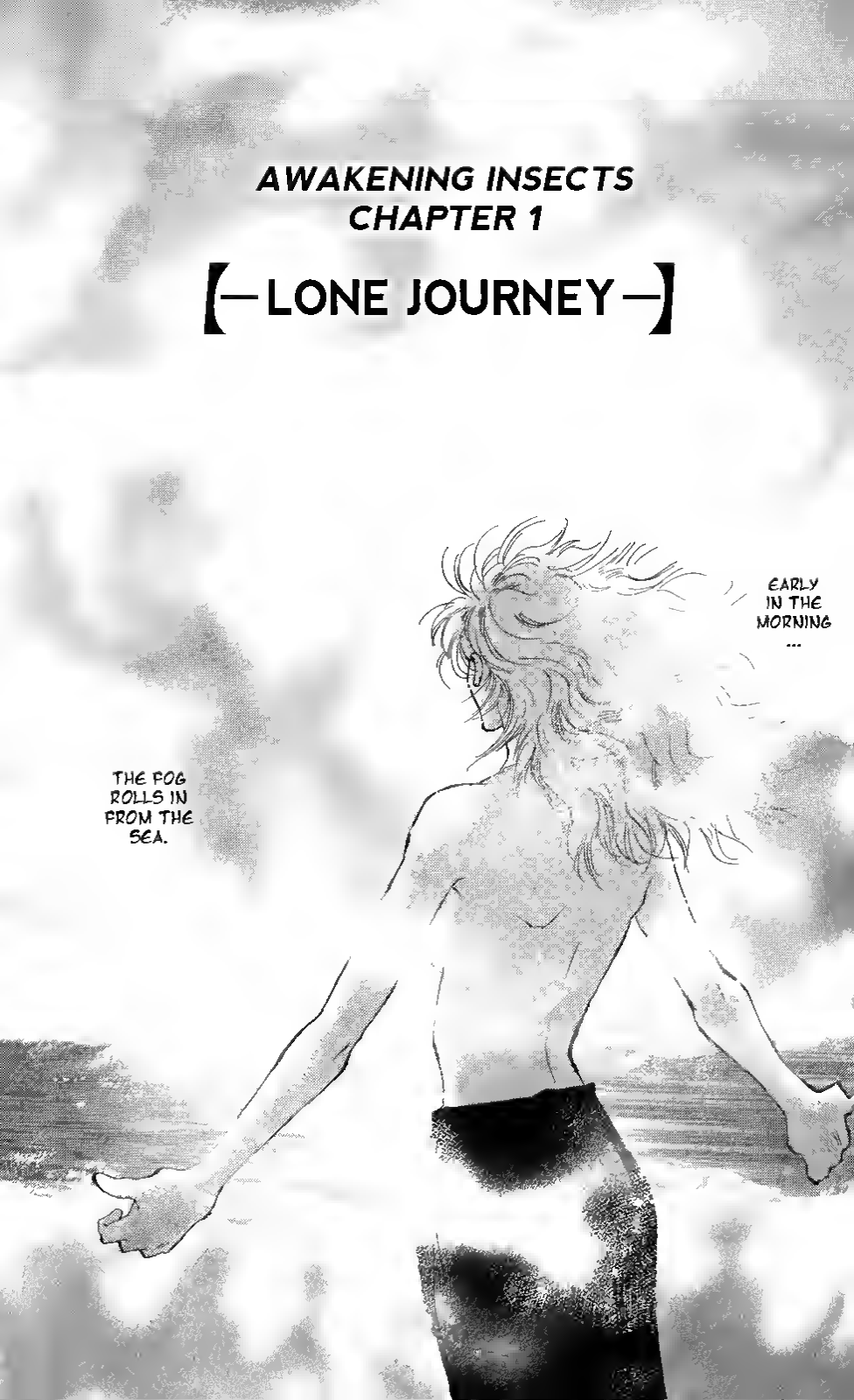
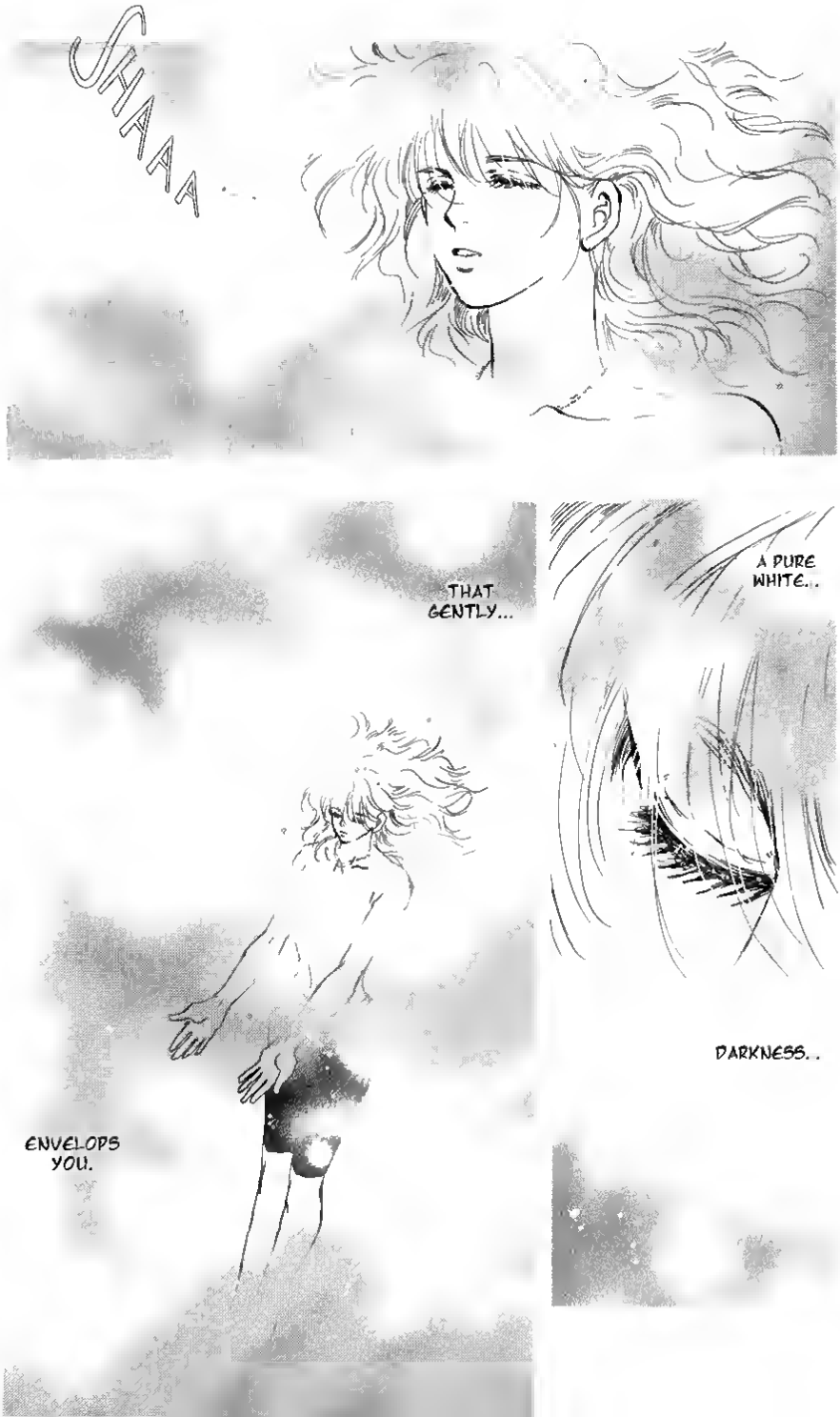
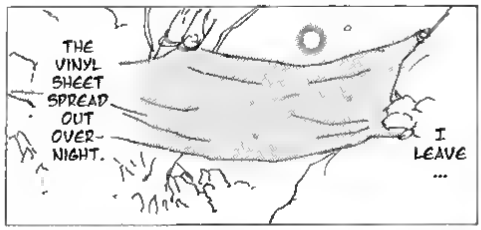
AWAKENING INSECTS
CHAPTER 1

【— LONE JOURNEY —】

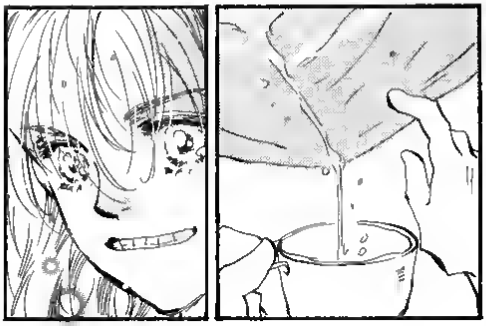



SHAAA...
A PURE WHITE..
DARKNESS..
THAT GENTLY...
ENVELOPS YOU.

Scrub
Scrub
Scrub
Scrub
SNAP
WHEN THE FOG RECEDES ...
AND DRINK.
Glug
GA-THER IT...
GA-THER IT!
GATHER IT...
MOIS-TURE IS LEFT IN ITS WAKE

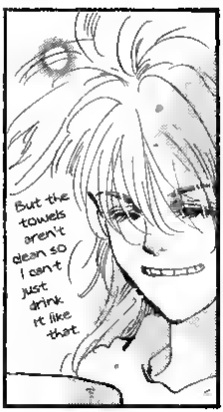

THE VINYL SHEET SPREAD OUT OVER-NIGHT.
I LEAVE ...

Mmm



Rustle
Rustle

I LAY OUT TOWELS AND SUCH TOO.

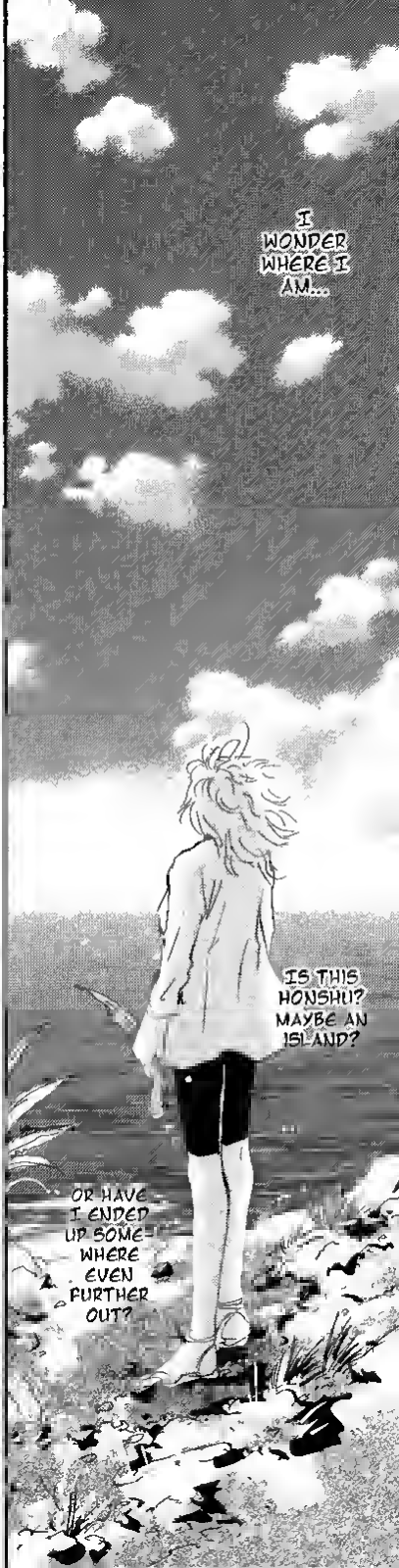

But the towels aren't clean so I can't just drink it like that.

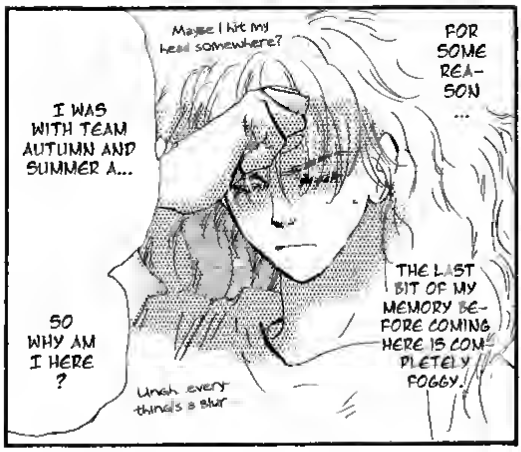
SQU
EEZE

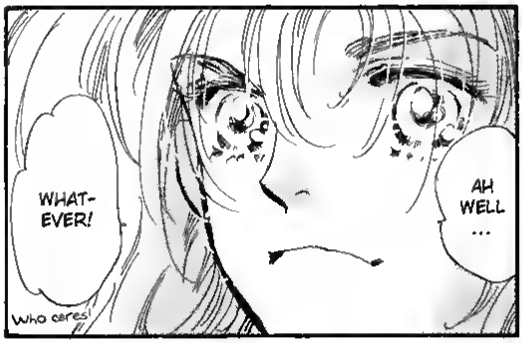
ALL SORTS OF SMALL ANIMALS ...
COME CRAWLING OUT OF HIDDEN DENS IN SEARCH OF IT
AND BECAUSE OF THE MOIS-TURE
CATCH IT!
CAUGHT IT!
CATCH 'EM, CATCH 'EM, CATCH 'EM!
FAILED!

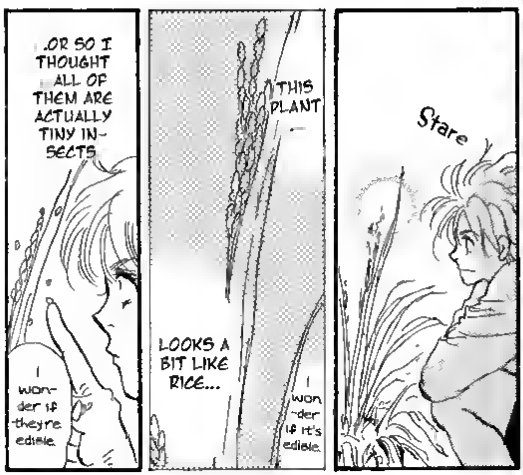
ALL THE MOISTURE SOON EVAPORATES...
MORNING!
OINK
OINK
OINK
LEAVING BEHIND PLENTY OF DRY GRASS
SNAP
SNAP
SO NOW I USE METAL FLINTS.
I RAN OUT OF LIGHTERS AND MATCHES A LONG TIME AGO ...
I HAVE NO TROUBLE LIGHTING FIRES.
ON THE OTHER HAND...
IT MEANS I HAVE TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL NOT TO CAUSE A BUSHFIRE.
CH-K
THE SPARKS
WILL LIGHT THE FIRE.

I COULD PROBABLY EAT THESE GUYS TOO ...
BUT I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT.
munch munch
Omnivorous
I baked it by burying it beneath the fire
It's touch!
Hot!
Hot!
Crackle
Snap
AND CAN'T ...
BASED ON YOUR OWN PREFERENCES.
BE EATEN IN THIS PLACE ...
I THINK IT'S FINE TO DECIDE WHAT CAN ...
I'll have aloe for dessert

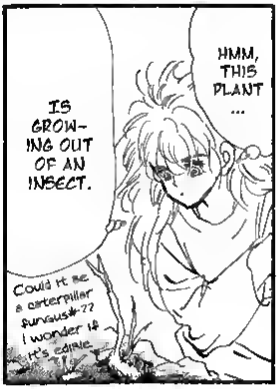

I WONDER WHERE I AM...
IS THIS HONSHU? MAYBE AN ISLAND?
OR HAVE I ENDED UP SOMEWHERE EVEN FURTHER OUT?


Maybe I hit my head somewhere?
FOR SOME REASON ...
I WAS WITH TEAM AUTUMN AND SUMMER A...
THE LAST BIT OF MY MEMORY BEFORE COMING HERE IS COMPLETELY FOGGY.
SO WHY AM I HERE ?
Urrgh, everything's a blur

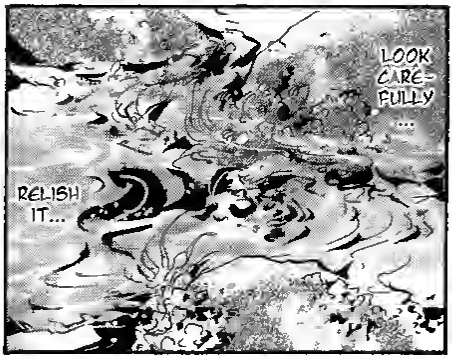

WHATEVER!
AH WELL ...
Who cares!


...OR SO I THOUGHT ALL OF THEM ARE ACTUALLY TINY INSECTS
I wonder if they're edible.
THIS PLANT ...
LOOKS A BIT LIKE RICE...
I wonder if it's edible.
Stare

*T/N Caterpillar fungus (or yartsa gunbu) is a type of parasitic fungus which germinates in living insects (usually larvae of a Tibetan moth), kills them, mummifies them and then grows out of them. It is edible and quite famous as a traditional Chinese/Tibetan medicine.



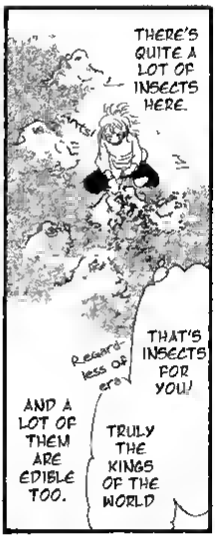
SLP
OOO
HAND-MADE
SIEVE
These turn out to be okay when you cook them over fire.
BUT THE TRUTH IS. .
PEOPLE TEND TO THINK YOU CAN FIND PLENTY OF EDIBLE FOOD IN THE MOUNTAINS ..
THERE IS MUCH MORE TO BE FOUND ALONG THE SHORE

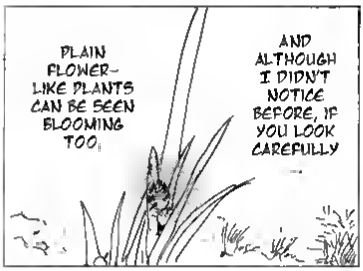


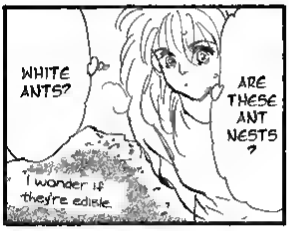
LET'S GET TO KNOW THIS WORLD.

I'M SLOWLY EXPANDING MY RADIUS OF EXPLORATION.
BIT BY BIT...

SMALL MAMMALS
ALSO LIVE HIDDEN IN THE LAND


THERE'S QUITE A LOT OF INSECTS HERE.
Regardless of era
THAT'S INSECTS FOR YOU!
AND A LOT OF THEM ARE EDIBLE TOO.
TRULY THE KINGS OF THE WORLD


PLAIN FLOWER-LIKE PLANTS CAN BE SEEN BLOOMING TOO.
AND ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T NOTICE BEFORE, IF YOU LOOK CAREFULLY

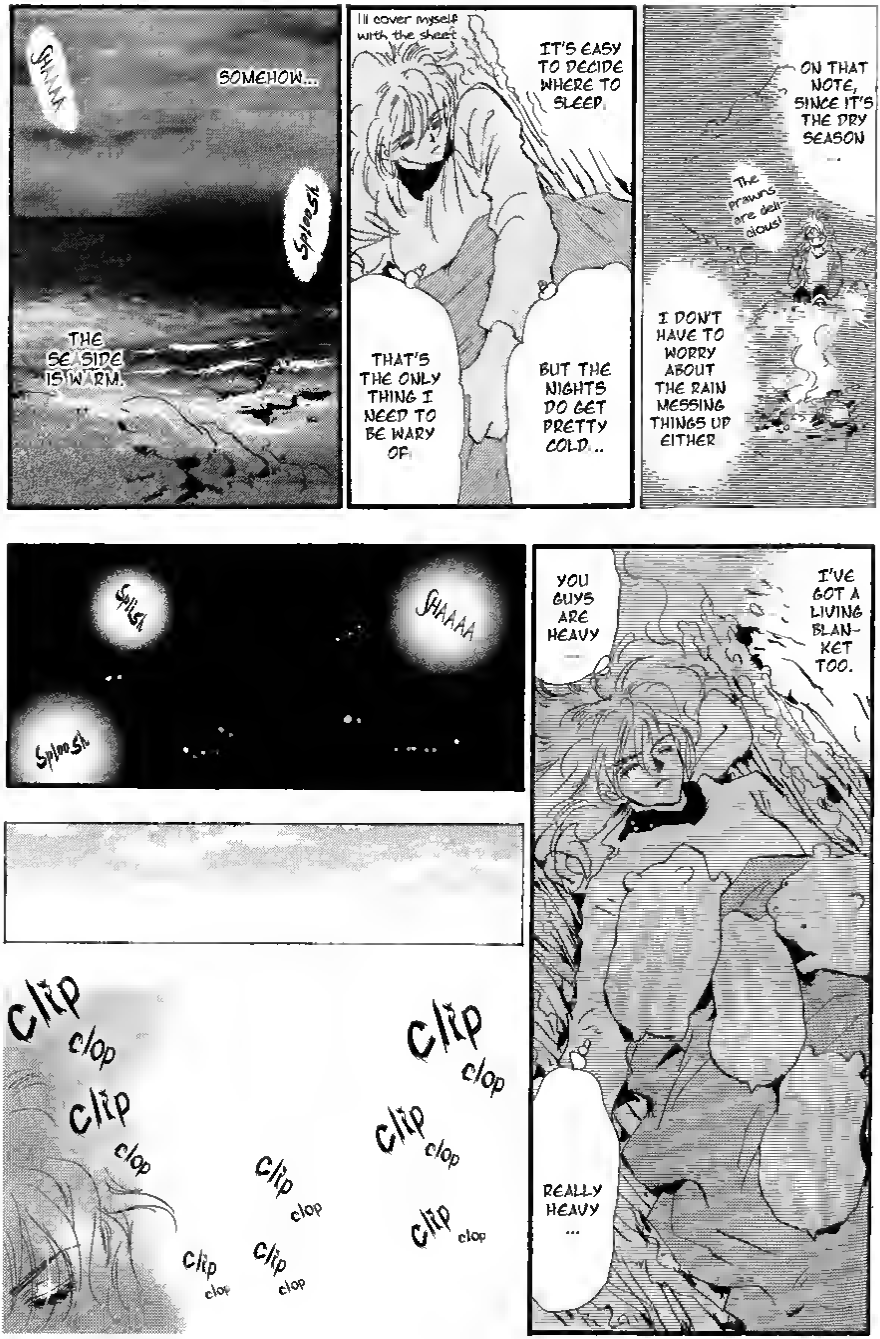

WHITE ANTS?
ARE THESE ANT NESTS?
I wonder if they're edible.

THE WORLD IS BEAUTIFUL!
IT'S A THRILLING PLACE!

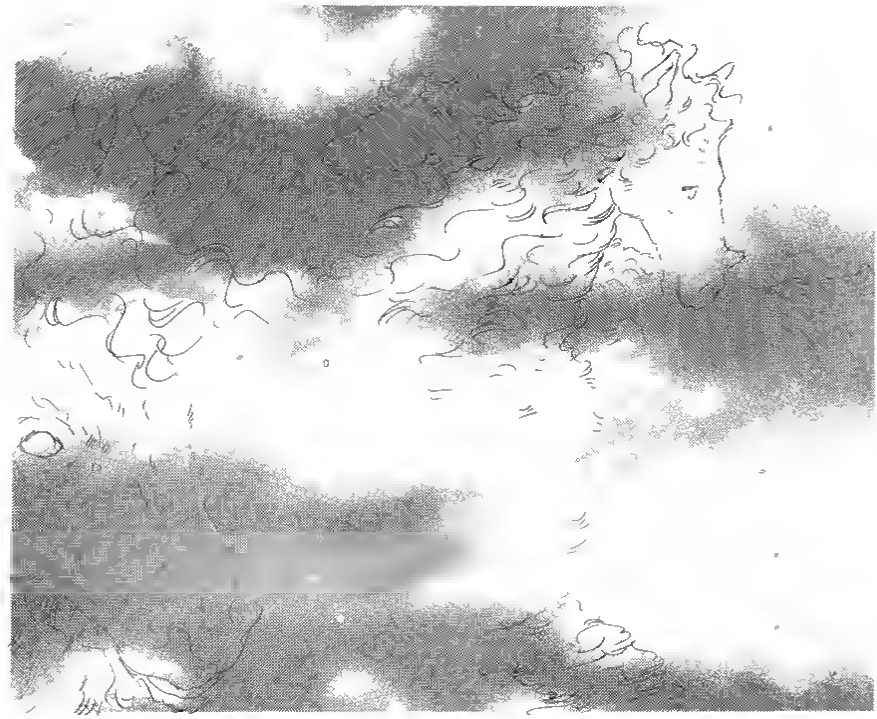
AT FIRST ...
THE FUTURE WILL SEEM FOREIGN TO YOU.
BECOME ACQUAINTED TO IT NATURALLY...
UNDERSTAND IT ..
AND IN DOING SO, BECOME PART OF IT.
SOMEONE ONCE SAID THAT TO ME.
WHEN WAS IT, I WONDER?
WAS IT MY FATHER? OR WAS IT MEI-CHAN?
I JUST REMEMBERED THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN.
hmm
I must've hit my head after all. But maybe I can jog my memory to bring it back.
TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY MEANT.
I WAS TOO YOUNG AT THE TIME ..
I FEEL LIKE I'VE COME TO UNDERSTAND...
THOSE WORDS, IF ONLY A LITTLE.

FAR SURPASS MY OWN.
...NO, WAIT ...
THEIR PHYSICAL CAPABILITIES...
HUH ?!
YOU CLIMBED UP?!
THAT'S DANGEROUS!
OINK
OINK
UMPH!
BROWN SHRUBBERY, AND SPARSE BROWN TREES.
ALL THERE IS ARE ROCKY MOUNTAINS ...
AS FAR AS I CAN SEE...
SOONER OR LATER, I WOULD LIKE TO FIND
A SIZABLE FRESH WATER SOURCE.

!!
WATER..
ALL MY BELONGINGS ARE ENCRUSTED IN SALT...
I WOULD LOVE TO GIVE THEM A PROPER WASH AT LEAST ONCE...
WATER
AND THERE'S NO WAY I COULD STEAL WATER
They have a tiny spring
FROM THE MEAGRE WATERING HOLE THIS LOT DRINK FROM.
THEY'RE WHITE...
LIKE A HERD OF SOMETHING.
THERE'S SOMETHING OVER THERE
Let's head home
IT'S THE DRY SEASON RIGHT NOW...
WITH ALL THE DANGEROUS REPTILES HIBERNATING.
SO IT'LL PROBABLY BE EASY TO TRAVEL AROUND..
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN THEM
HORSES? SHEEP? GOATS?
SO THERE ARE HERDS OF ANIMALS LIKE THAT TOO, HUH?
I wonder if they're the same species as Team Autumn's Guri and Gura


Shhhh
SOMEHOW...
Splash
THE SE. SIDE IS WARM.
I'll cover myself with the sheet.
IT'S EASY TO DECIDE WHERE TO SLEEP.
THAT'S THE ONLY THING I NEED TO BE WARY OF.
BUT THE NIGHTS DO GET PRETTY COLD...
ON THAT NOTE, SINCE IT'S THE DRY SEASON...
The prawns are delicious!
I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE RAIN MESSING THINGS UP EITHER
Splish
Shhhhh
Splash
YOU GUYS ARE HEAVY...
I'VE GOT A LIVING BLANKET TOO.
clip clop
clip clop
clip clop
clip clop
clip clop
clip clop
clip clop
REALLY HEAVY...

clip clop
clip clop
clip clop



Clip
clop
Clip
clop
OINK

THEY'RE SPARKLING...
AND THEY SORTA LOOK HAPPY
I GUESS THIS IS THE HERD I SAW BEFORE.
THEY MUST'VE TRAVELLED HERE DURING THE NIGHT.
THEY'RE GORGEOUS.
THERE ARE CHILDREN TOO...
TOGETHER WITH THEIR MOTHERS
They're a sother!
We'll defend our watering hole to the last!

clip clop
clip clop
clip clop
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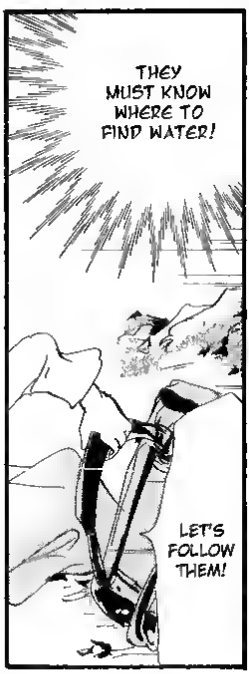
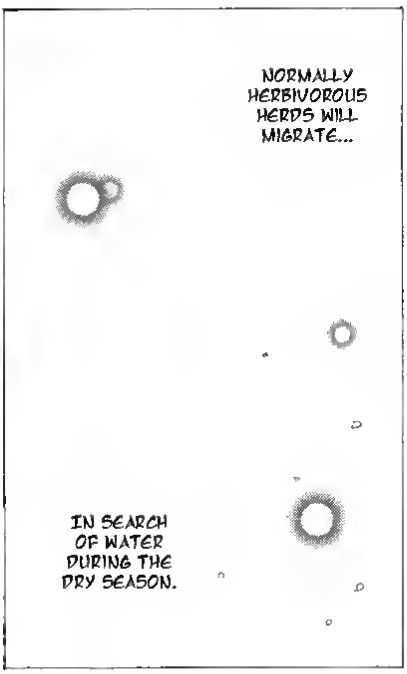
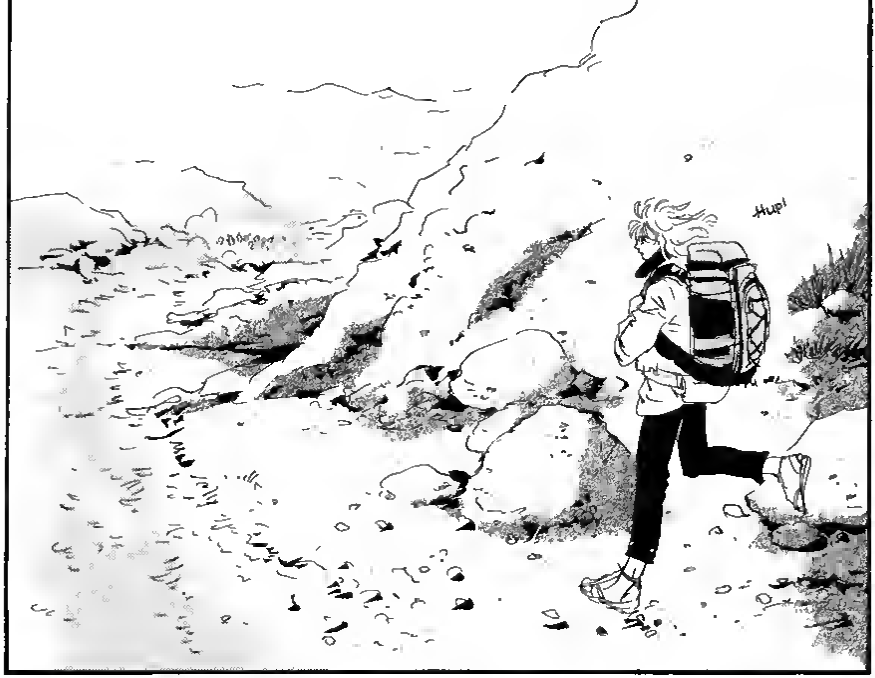
clip clop

clop clip
clop clip
clop clip
clop clip

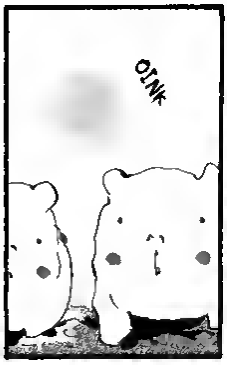

THEY MUST KNOW WHERE TO FIND WATER!
LET'S FOLLOW THEM!


NORMALLY HERBIVOROUS HERDS WILL MIGRATE...
IN SEARCH OF WATER DURING THE DRY SEASON.

I WONDER IF THEY'VE BEEN TRAVELLING ALL THIS TIME...


Hup!

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!
IF I FIND A HUGE WATER SOURCE ...
I'LL COME AND VISIT YOU GUYS AGAIN!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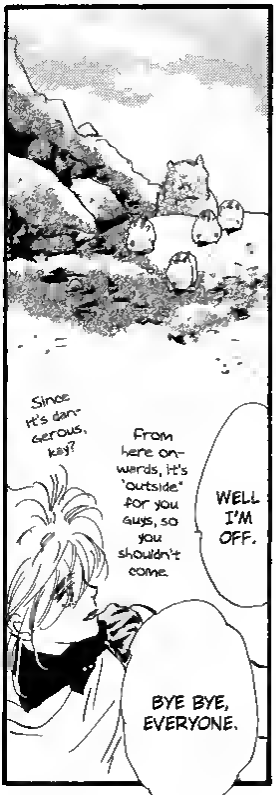

Since it's dangerous, kay?
From here onwards, it's "outside" for you guys, so you shouldn't come.
WELL I'M OFF.
BYE BYE, EVERYONE.

IT'S A LITTLE SAD...
BUT THEY'RE NOT...MY PETS.
This is where they live after all
I can't be dragging them all over the place

UP TILL NOW ...
WERE MY PARENTS THINKING?
JUST WHAT...
Clip clop
BUT INSTEAD ..
IN THE MOUNTAINS I HAD PLENTY OF CONTACT WITH...
IN-SECTS, BIRDS, SMALL ANIMALS AND FISH ..
I'VE...
NEVER KEPT AN ANIMAL BEFORE.
Clip clop
Clip clop
SWISH

I DON'T INTEND TO EAT YOU GUYS AT ALL...
ESPE-CIALLY NOT NOW
UH, NO...
I'M NOT SOMEONE SUSPICIOUS OR ANY-THING.
STARE
He got scolded.
HIS MOTHER IS LOOKING AFTER HIM PROPERLY
HOW CUTE.
Come on you
SIMPLY ADORABLE!

They haven't taken a single rest.
I'm all worn out!
Huff Huff
THEY
CAN CLIMB PRETTY INTENSE HEIGHTS.
Maybe they're not horses but deer?

clip clop
THAT'S THE FOAL FROM BEFORE ...
Oi... YOU ...
HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
EVERYONE'S GONE OFF ALREADY
Nah
clip clop
Hmph
Shoo shoo!
IT'LL BE AWFUL IF YOU GOT SEPA-RATED.
COME ON, YOU'VE GOT TO GO!

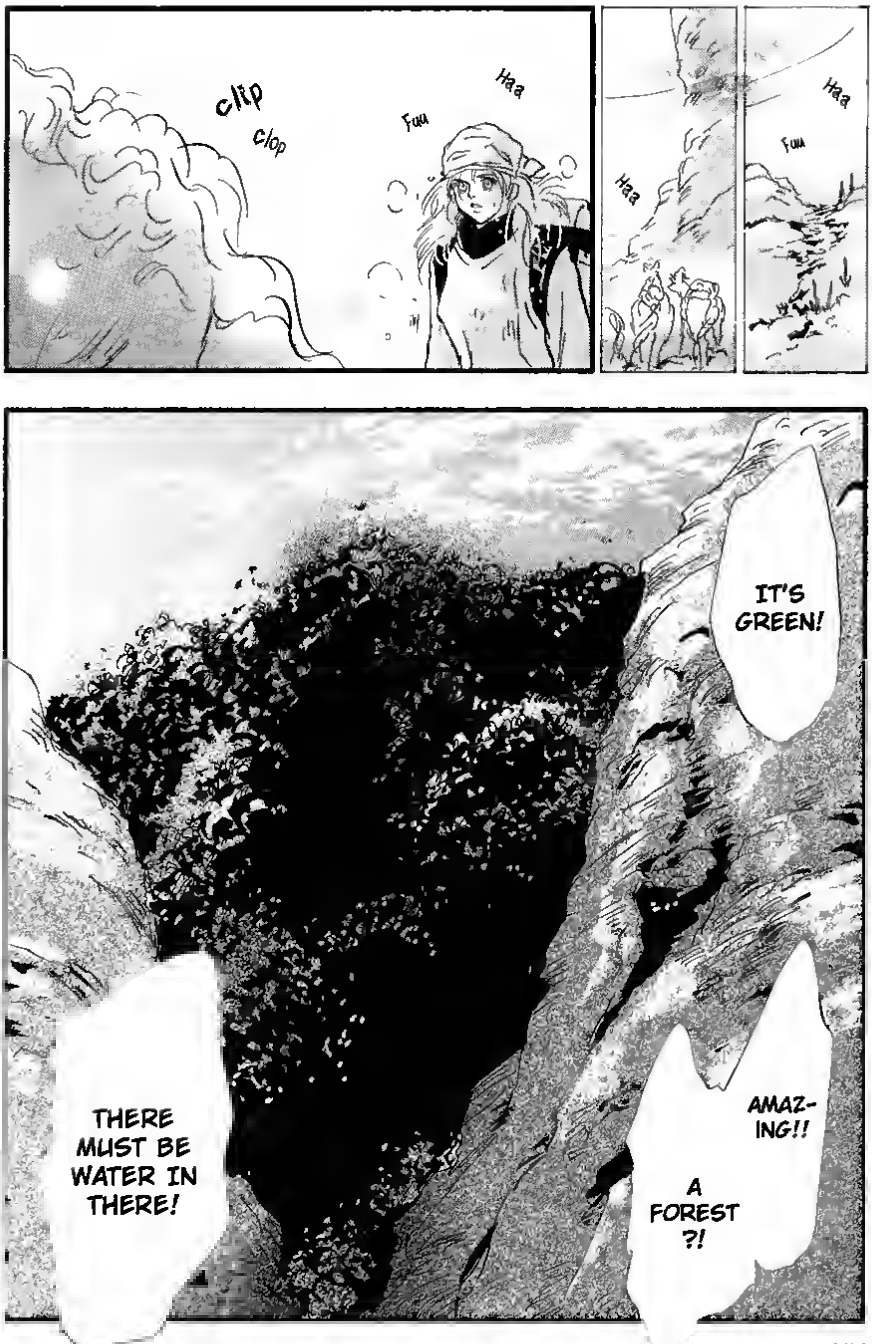
Hmph.
GO ON!
YOU MUSTN'T LOSE YOUR PARENTS!
SLAP
SORRY BUT, GO!
Hey now
Whinny
Clip
Clop
YOU MUSTN'T ...
LOSE YOUR PARENTS.

BUT IT'S FINE.
EVEN IF I'M ALONE, I'LL BE ALL RIGHT.
Hmph!
WE'RE CHILDREN ...
WHO HAVE LOST THEIR PARENTS TOO.
Phew
Uhuh
I'M SURE ...
I CAN LIVE ON MY OWN.
YOU SHOULD STAY WITH THE OTHERS!
Keep up with them!
AGAIN ?!
NEEIGH

EVER SINCE I WAS A CHILD...
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN TERRIBLE AT MAKING FRIENDS.
AND I'VE NEVER HAD A BEST FRIEND BEFORE.
MAYBE HE DOESN'T LIKE BEING WITH THE OTHERS...
MAYBE HE LIKES TO BE ALONE?
I GUESS HE'S LIKE ME.
I LED MYSELF TO BELIEVE....
THAT IT WASN'T A DISADVAN-TAGE...
BUT IT WAS A DISAD-VANTAGE.

I GUESS THAT EXPLAINS...
WHY I'M ALONE NOW.
SOMEHOW...
IT FEELS LIKE I'M ABOUT TO REMEMBER SOMETHING I DON'T WANT TO
I THINK IT'S BEST NOT TO REMEMBER
Like how I ended up here
I ALWAYS GET INTO FIGHTS WITH PEOPLE ...
THAT'S WHY I CHOOSE TO ISOLATE MYSELF
HMM?
GETTING INTO FIGHTS?
FOR EXAMPLE...
I'LL BE FINE...
I'LL LIVE ...
ON MY OWN.
EVEN IF I DON'T SEE ARASHI FOR A VERY LONG TIME...
I GUESS ...
I'M TOTALLY DRAINED !!
IT'S FINALLY TIME TO REST?
I SHOULD GET SOME SHUT EYE TOO.
We've been walking straight for two days!

EH?!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
WHAT THE?! YOU CAME?!
But you can't!
I THOUGHT IT FELT HEAVY!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF WE'LL FIND WATER..
OINK
OINK OINK
THE WORLD ...
IS BEAUTI-FUL.
You guys really are heavy ...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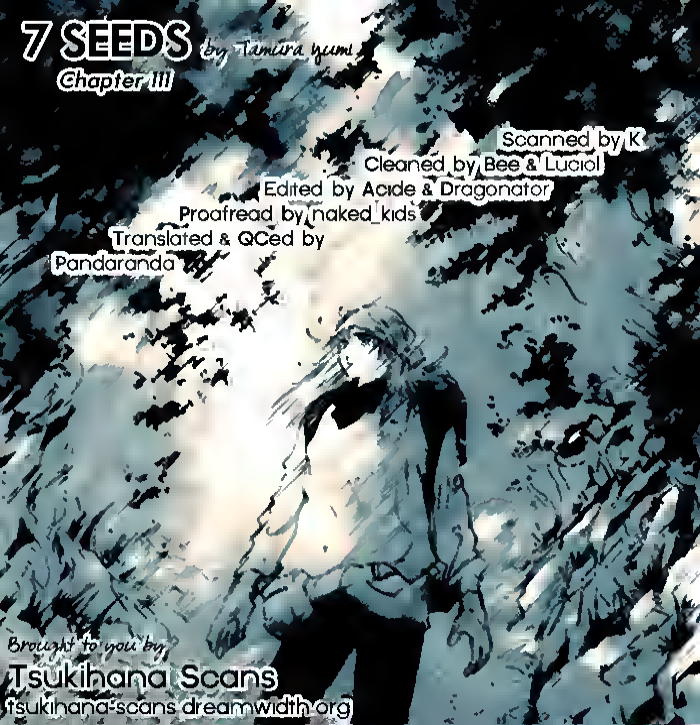
Fuu
Haa
Haa
Fuu
Haa
IT'S GREEN!
AMAZ-ING!!
A FOREST ?!
THERE MUST BE WATER IN THERE!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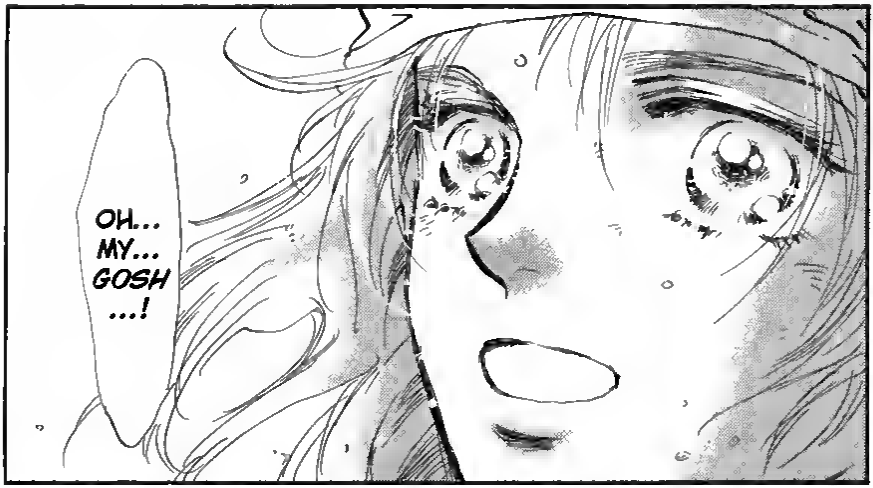
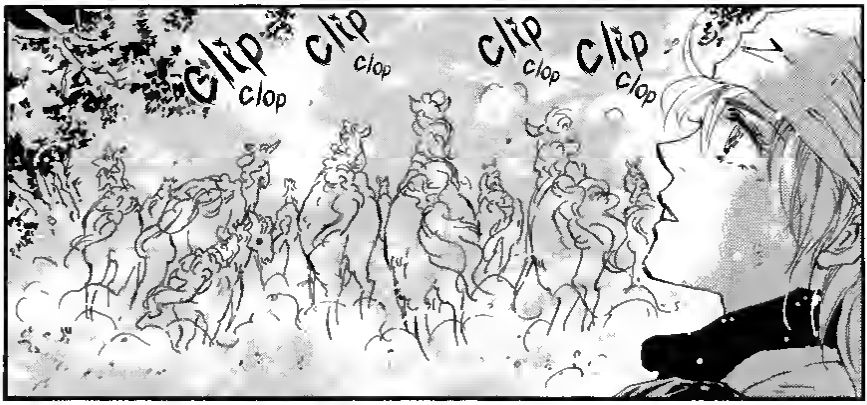
AWAKENING INSECTS
CHAPTER 2
【—GRACE—】
NESTLED BETWEEN THE DUSTY BROWN ROCKY CLIFFS...
A FOREST SUDDENLY LOOMED BEFORE ME.


OH...
MY...
GOSH
...!

THE AIR
FEELS...
SO
FRESH
AND
COOL.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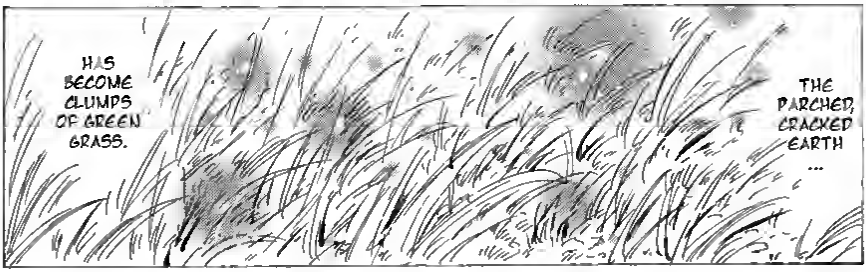
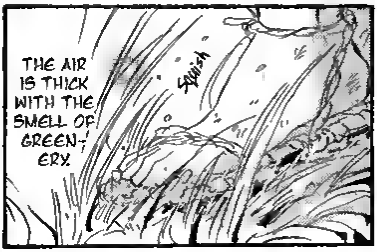
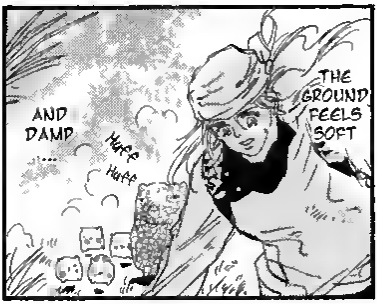

HAS BECOME CLUMPS OF GREEN GRASS.
THE PARCHED, CRACKED EARTH ...

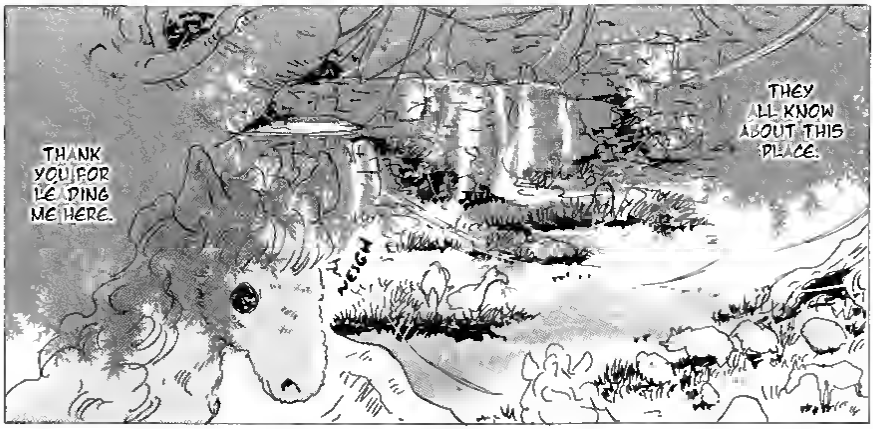
THERE MUST BE WATER HERE!
WA...
WOOW!

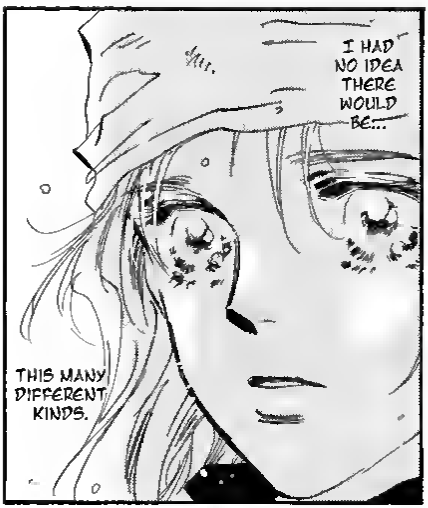

THE AIR IS THICK WITH THE SMELL OF GREENERY.
SQUISH

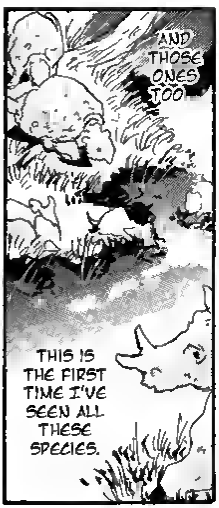

AND DAMP ....
HUFF HUFF
THE GROUND FEELS SOFT

clip
clop
clip
clop
clip
clop
KNEE
AAA
IT'S WATER !!
WOO-HOO!!
HA
AA
UWA
WHAT AN ENOR-MOUS TREE!
Amazing.
TO THINK THERE'D BE THIS MUCH WATER AT THE SOURCE!
WOW!
WATER!
Splash
Gosh, this is great!
With this present, it should be fine if I let loose a little!
Splash
Splaash
It's cold.
AND IT LOOKS PRETTY CLEAN TOO!

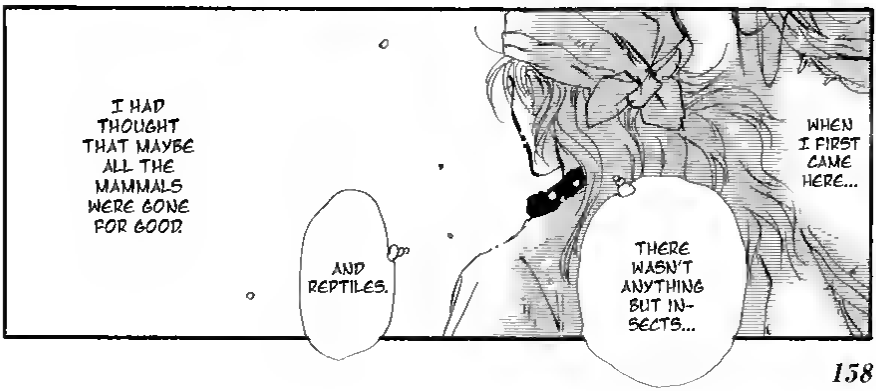
Uuuuugh
Splash
Sorry about this
I'll collect some
Plop Plop Plop
From the cleanest spot possible
I'LL HAVE TO BOIL THE WATER FIRST.
EVEN SO, I SHOULDN'T DRINK IT DIRECTLY.
THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF DIFFERENT ANIMALS HERE...


THANK YOU FOR LEADING ME HERE.
NEIGH
THEY'LL KNOW ABOUT THIS PLACE.


I HAD NO IDEA THERE WOULD BE...
THIS MANY DIFFERENT KINDS.

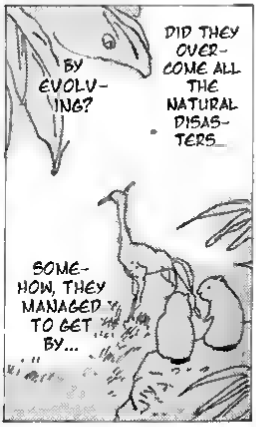

AND THOSE ONES TOO
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN ALL THESE SPECIES.

THAT ONE..
AND THAT ONE


I HAD THOUGHT THAT MAYBE ALL THE MAMMALS WERE GONE FOR GOOD.
AND REPTILES.
THERE WASN'T ANYTHING BUT INSECTS...
WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE...

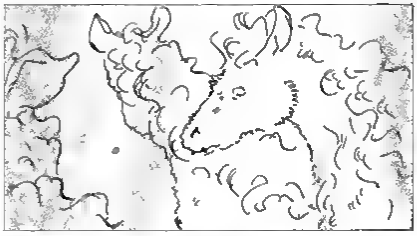
AND SURVIVED IT ALL.

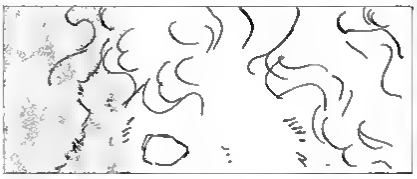
BUT THEY SURVIVED...
AND I'M SURE THERE ARE MANY MORE OUT THERE.


DID THEY OVERCOME ALL THE NATURAL DISASTERS...
BY EVOLVING?
SOMEHOW, THEY MANAGED TO GET BY...

WITH A PLACE LIKE THIS...
I WONDER IF ANY OF THE OTHER TEAMS HAVE COME HERE TOO.
Though when I say other teams, there aren't many left that I haven't met yet

OINK
LOOK GUYS...
THERE'RE OTHERS LIKE YOU HERE TOO!

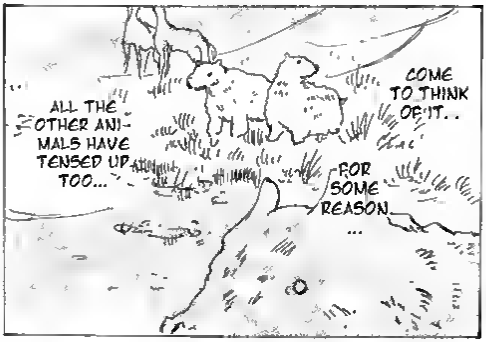




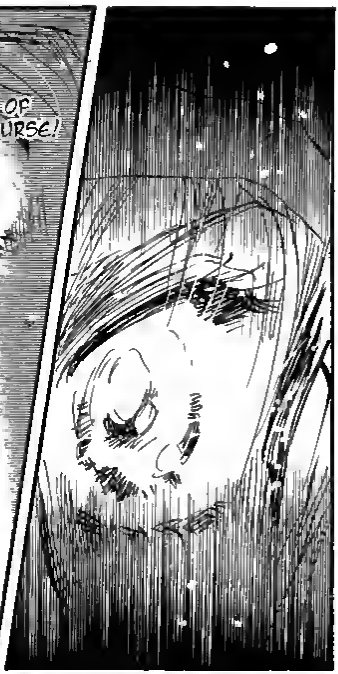
I WONDER IF...
ARASHI'S BEEN HERE...

LIKE THEY'VE SUDDENLY TENSED UP..?
DOESN'T IT SEEM..

IS THERE SOME NEED FOR CAUTION ..?


ALL THE OTHER ANI-MALS HAVE TENSED UP TOO...
COME TO THINK OF IT..
FOR SOME REASON ...

OF COURSE!
HOW COULD I FORGET?
IF THERE'S A WATERING HOLE...



CRUNCH
...THEN THAT MEANS THERE'LL BE PREDATORS TOO!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
AAAAAH

HEY, YOU!
HURRY AND RUN!
THEY'LL TARGET YOU!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
NEEIGH
CRUNCH
SCRAPE
GEEZ, GET GOING !!
HSS

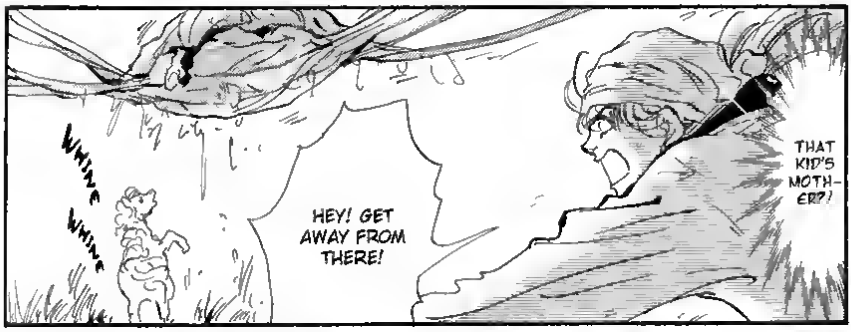
STAMP
GRRRAGH

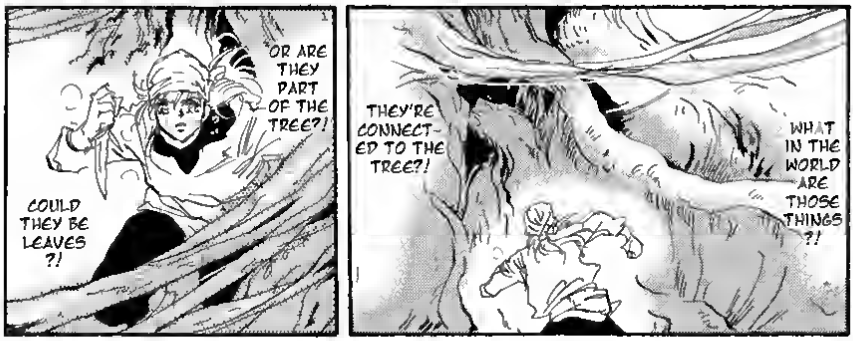
I AM ALSO...
PREY TO THEM.

WHOOSH

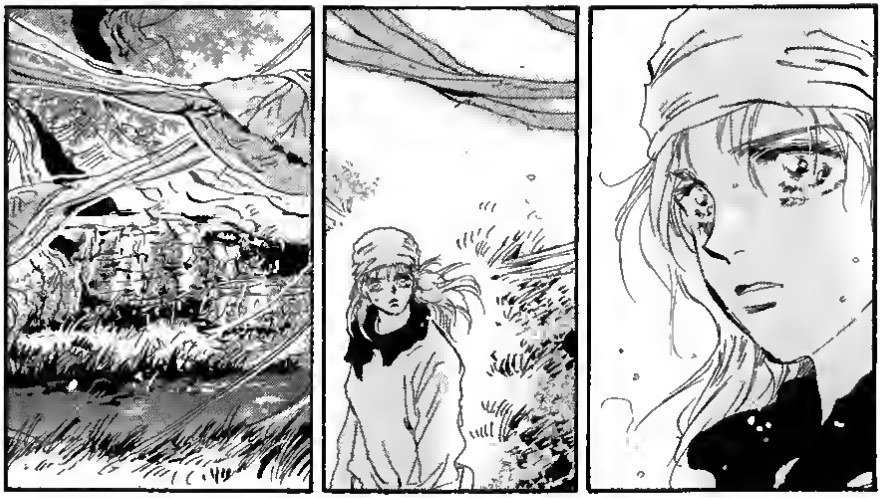
SNA
AD
WHAT ...
IS THAT ...?

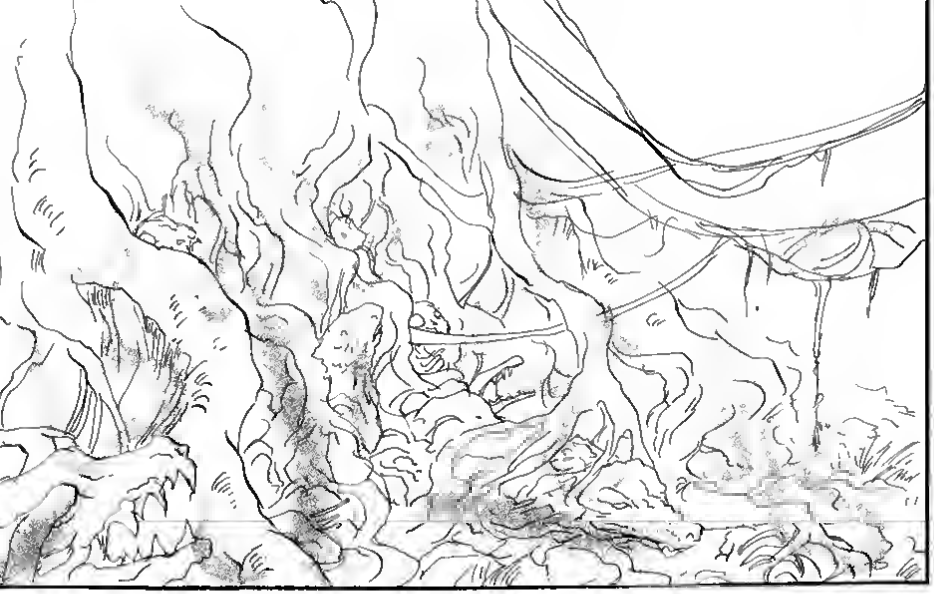
WHOOSH
SNAP
JOLT

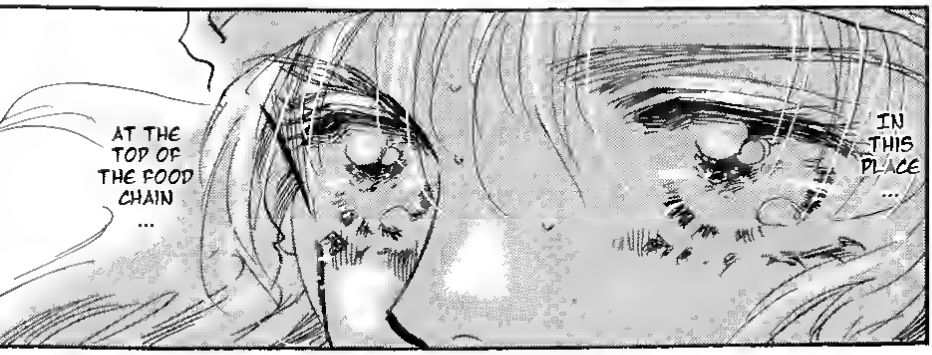

WHINE WHINE
HEY! GET AWAY FROM THERE!
THAT KID'S MOTH-ER?!


COULD THEY BE LEAVES ?!
OR ARE THEY PART OF THE TREE?!
THEY'RE CONNECT-ED TO THE TREE?!
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE THOSE THINGS ?!

SPLOO
SHE
Splish
SNAP
SNAP
SHE'S
ALREADY DEAD...
AND THEY'RE PROBABLY POISON-OUS...
THERE ARE THORNS INSIDE ...
Haa
Haa
Haa
Haa
WHIMPER

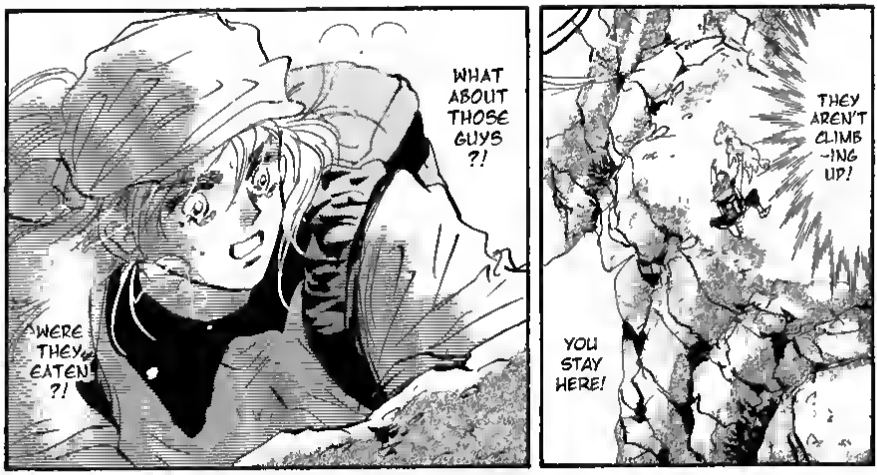


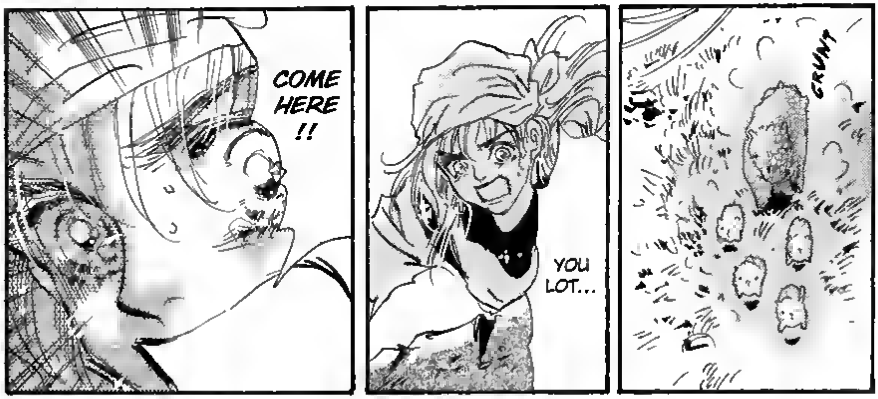


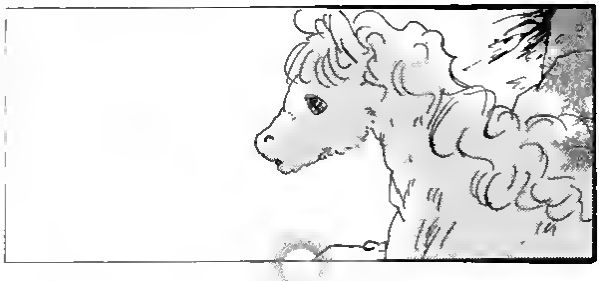

AT THE TOP OF THE FOOD CHAIN ...
IN THIS PLACE ...

...SITS THIS TREE.

I...
UNDER-STAND YOUR PAIN ...
BUT YOU CAN'T STAY HERE.
WHIMPER
WHIMPER
BECAUSE CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS THE FIRST TO BE TARGETED!
HUP!
ARE WE BEING CHASED ?!

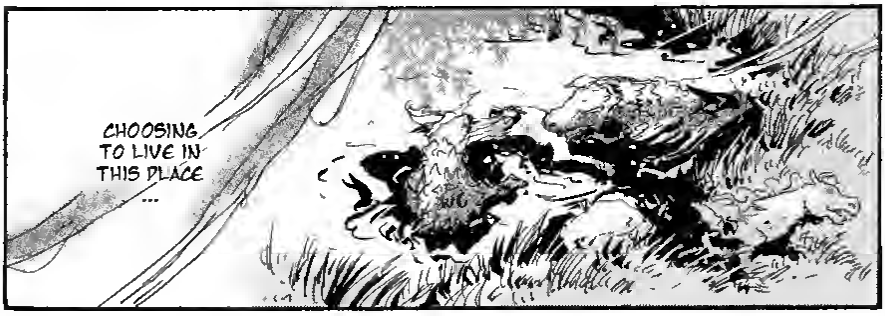

WHAT ABOUT THOSE GUYS ?!
WERE THEY EATEN ?!
THEY AREN'T CLIMB -ING UP!
YOU STAY HERE!


COME HERE !!
YOU LOT...
GRUNT



I'VE ONLY JUST REALISED THAT I HAVEN'T GIVEN THEM NAMES.

I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE THEY DON'T BELONG TO ME.

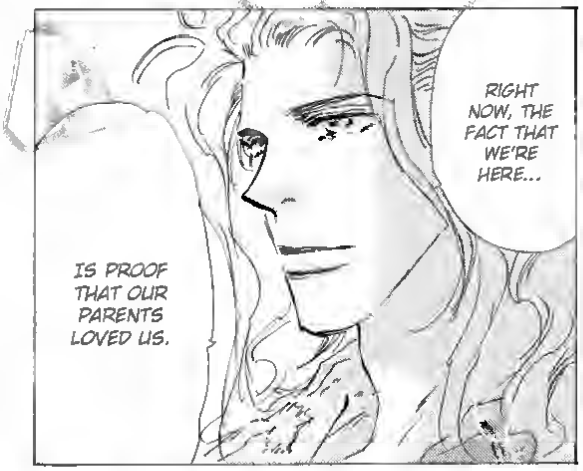


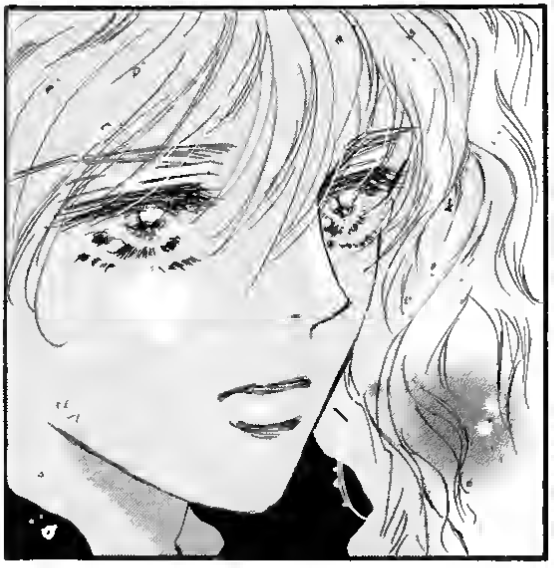
...MEANS TO GET USED TO THIS SORT OF THING.
Tumble
BEING ABLE TO SURVIVE ON HIS OWN FOR 15 YEARS ...
ARAMAKI-SAN TRULY IS AMAZING, AFTER ALL.
EVEN THOUGH I COULD PROBABLY LIVE HERE ON MY OWN...
MAYBE I'M JUST NOT CUT OUT FOR IT PHYSICALLY.

I'VE GOT TO CATCH SOME-THING ...
BUT ...
I'M DEAD TIRED ...
And I'm not really in the mood either
Bubble
Bubble
I HAVEN'T HAD A DECENT MEAL ...
SINCE I LEFT THE SHORE.
I'M SO HUNGRY ...
IF SOME-ONE IS SACRIFICED ...
THE REST MAY LIVE ON.
EVEN THOUGH THEY KNOW WHAT SORT OF PLACE THIS IS ...
THEY NEED THE WATER SO THEY DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.
THE HERD THAT SCATTERED FOR A MO-MENT, HAVE ALREADY RETURNED.
IT SEEMS THE PREDATORS ARE CONTENT FOR NOW TOO.

IT'S FINE.. SO LONG AS EVERYONE ELSE SURVIVES?
EVEN IF THEY DIE THEM-SELVES ...
THEN..
WHAT ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL FEELINGS OF THOSE WHO END UP BEING SACRIFICED?
BENE-FIT?
I SUPPOSE...
THAT'S THE BENEFIT OF LIVING IN A HERD.

IT'S FINE SO LONG AS SOMEONE SURVIVES
EVEN IF THEY DIE...
OF THE '7 SEEDS PROJECT' BELIEVED ...
I WONDER IF THAT'S WHAT THE STAFF...

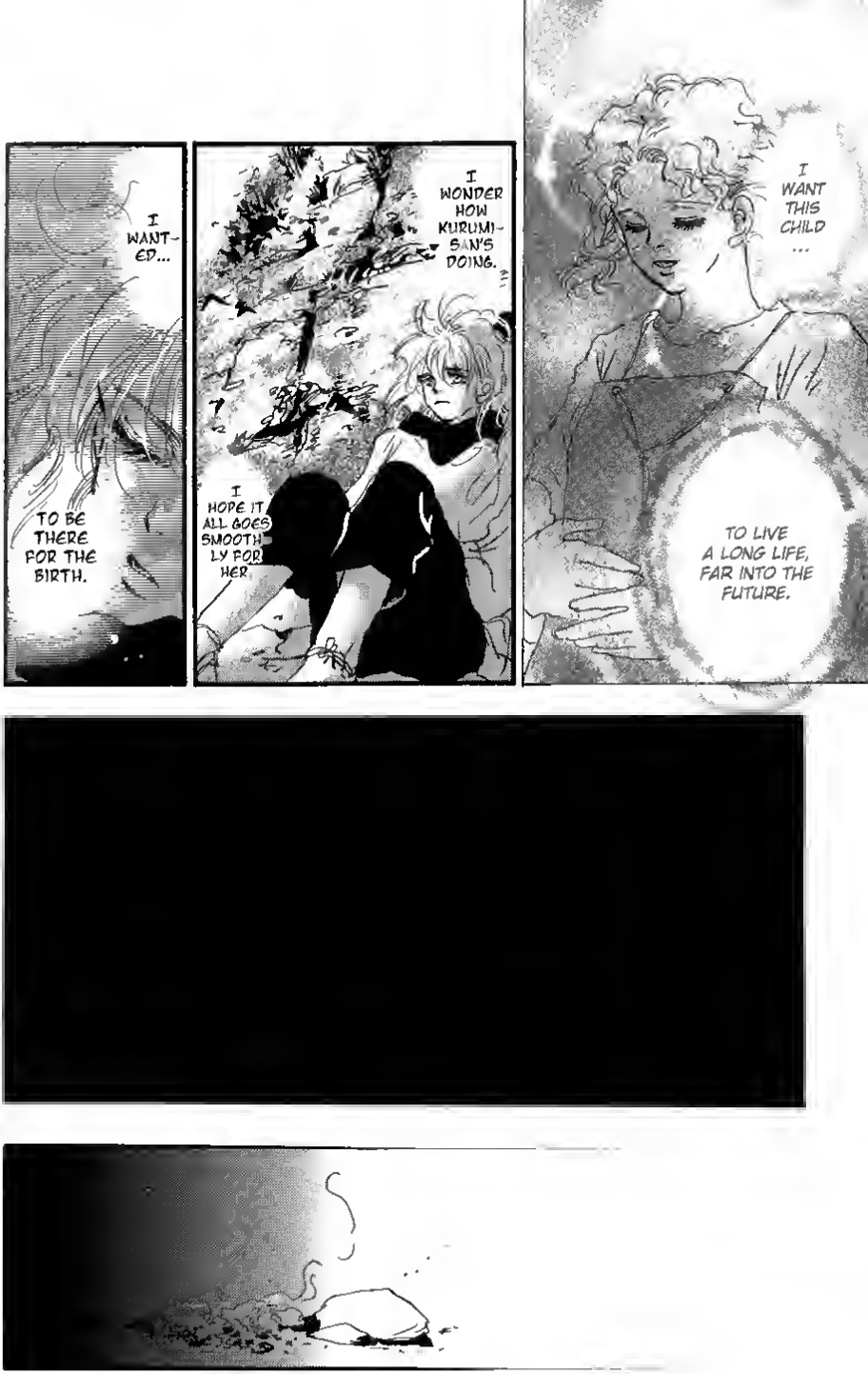


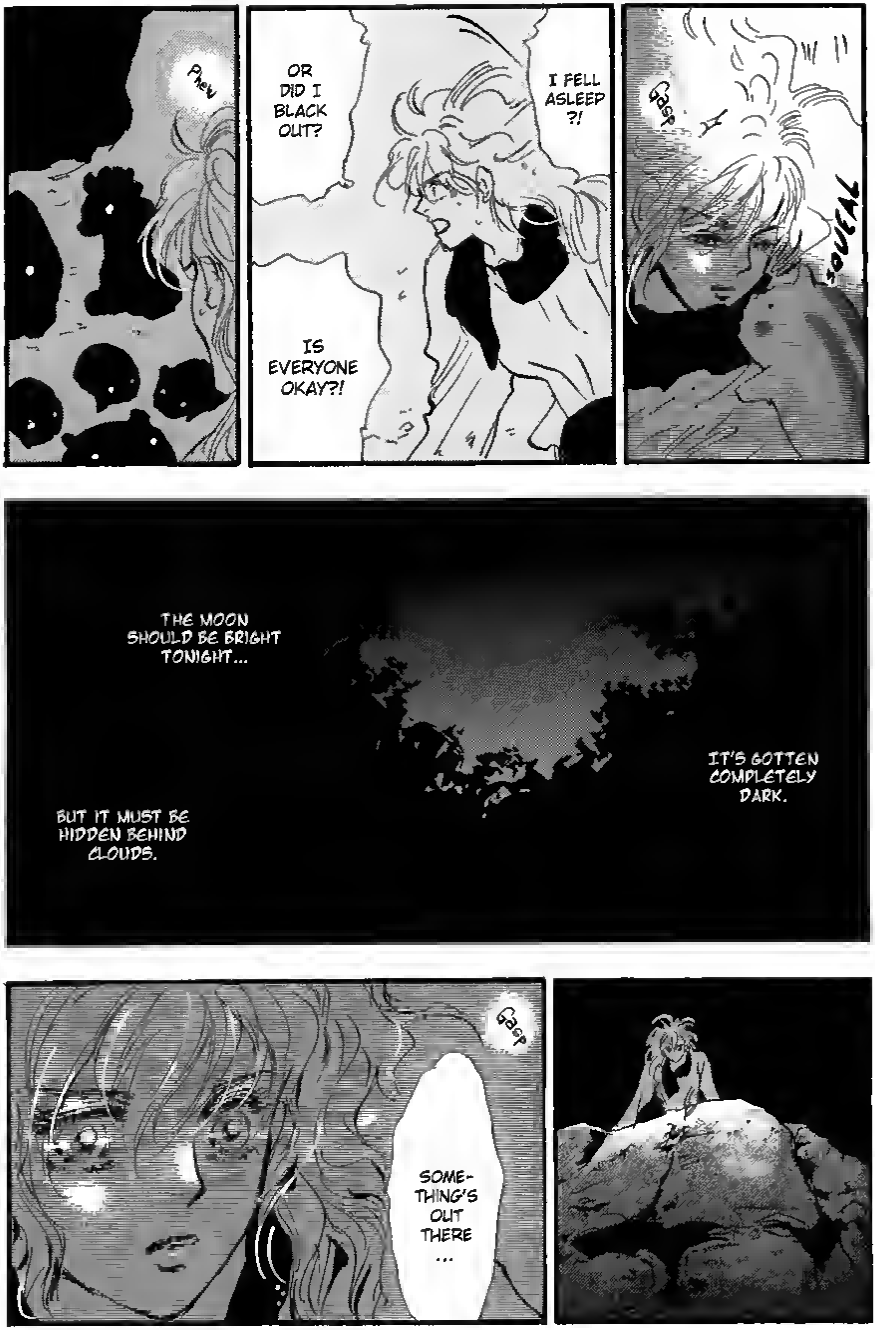


EVEN IF THEY COULDN'T SAVE THEMSELVES ...

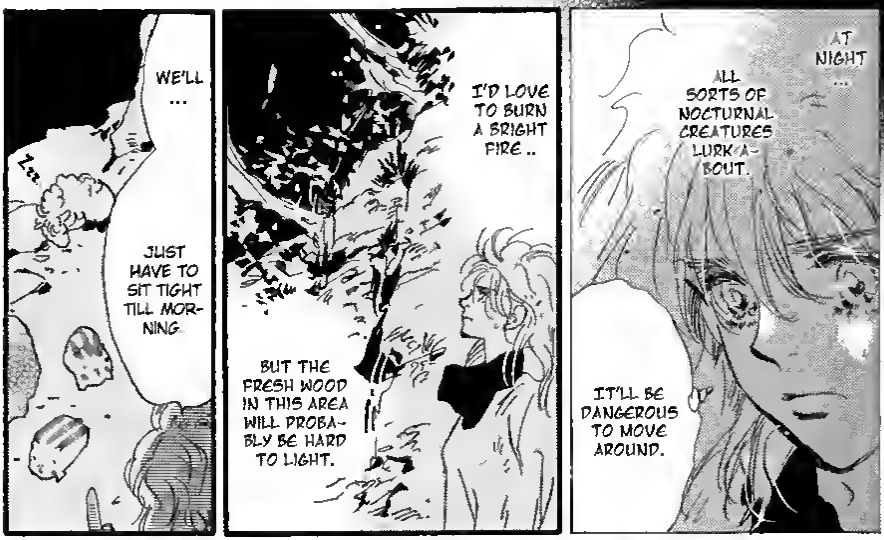
WAS GIVING ME THE CHANCE TO SURVIVE ENOUGH FOR THEM?

Hmph!
A SINGLE KID WANDERING AROUND ON THEIR OWN ...
YOU'D BE EASY PREY, YOU KNOW?!
WILL STICK OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB AND BE TARGETED STRAIGHT AWAY!
Hey, listen to me!
Hmph!
YOU SHOULD GO BACK TO THE OTHERS
YOU DON'T WANT TO?!
SO THAT YOU DON'T GET SEPARATED...
Pat
Pat
MAYBE YOU DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND ...
UNTIL YOU HAVE A CHILD OF YOUR OWN.
BECAUSE ...
IF I WERE TO DIE...
I DOUBT I COULD CARE LESS ABOUT WHATEVER HAPPENS AFTER THAT.
Agh
CHILDREN NEVER UNDERSTAND A PARENT'S HEART.
Or so they always say
But if I force him to go he'll be targeted just as easily.
BUT I GUESS I'M THE SAME.
EVEN NOW, THERE'S STILL ONE THING I CAN'T QUITE GRASP...


I WANT THIS CHILD ...
TO LIVE A LONG LIFE, FAR INTO THE FUTURE.
I WONDER HOW KURUMI-SAN'S DOING.
I HOPE IT ALL GOES SMOOTHLY FOR HER
I WANTED...
TO BE THERE FOR THE BIRTH.

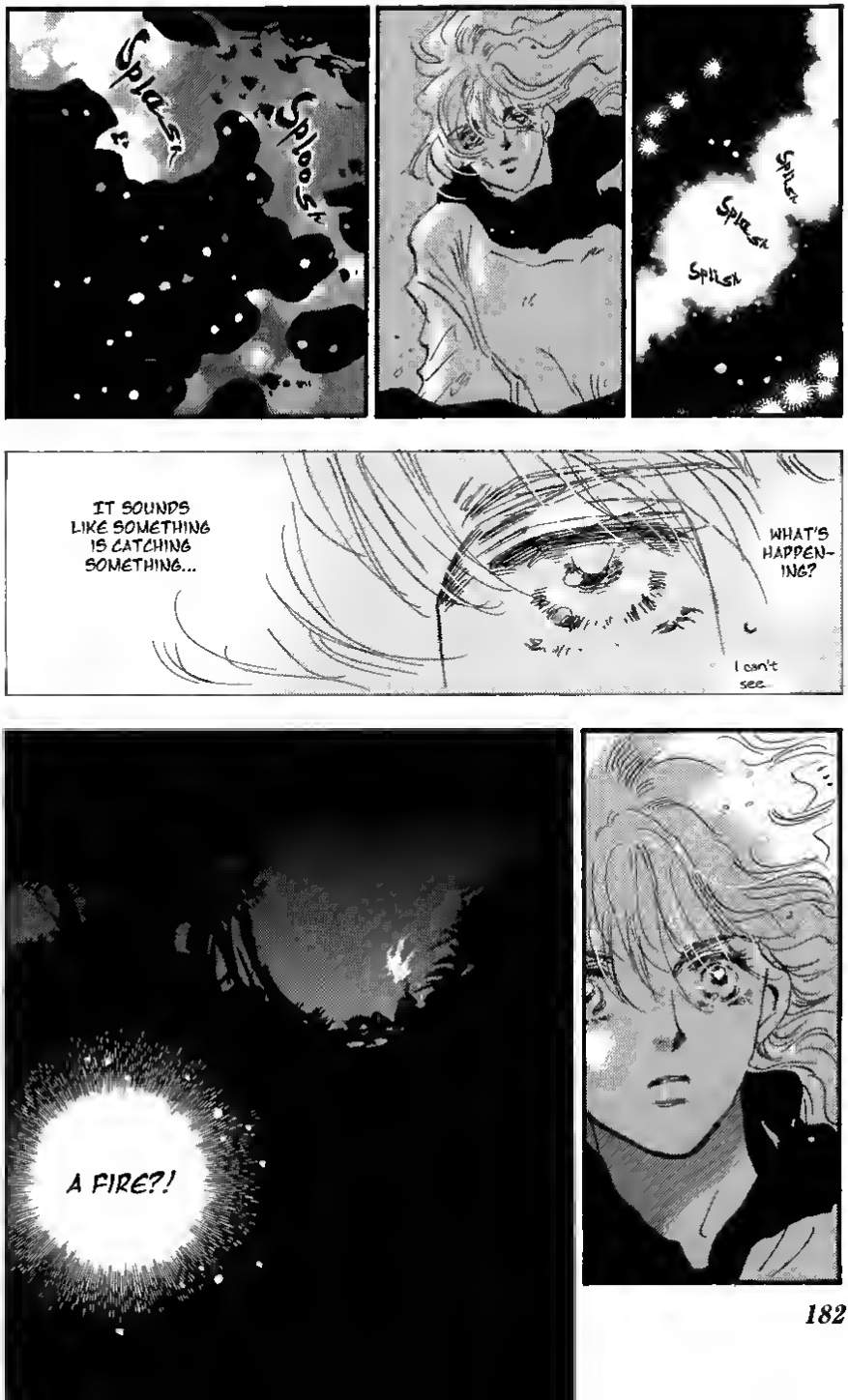

Phew
OR DID I BLACK OUT?
I FELL ASLEEP ?!
IS EVERYONE OKAY?!
Gasp
SQUEAL
THE MOON SHOULD BE BRIGHT TONIGHT...
BUT IT MUST BE HIDDEN BEHIND CLOUDS.
IT'S GOTTEN COMPLETELY DARK.
Gasp
SOME-THING'S OUT THERE ...

THERE'RE HUNDREDS OF THEM IN THE WATER...


WE'LL ...
JUST HAVE TO SIT TIGHT TILL MORNING
I'D LOVE TO BURN A BRIGHT FIRE ..
BUT THE FRESH WOOD IN THIS AREA WILL PROBABLY BE HARD TO LIGHT.
AT NIGHT ...
ALL SORTS OF NOCTURNAL CREATURES LURK ABOUT.
IT'LL BE DANGEROUS TO MOVE AROUND.

IS SOMETHING UNTHINKABLE IN THE OLD WORLD.
THE WIND HAS PICKED UP.
HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT GETTING EATEN ..

Splash
Splash


Splash
Splash
Splash
Splash
Splash
IT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING IS CATCHING SOMETHING...
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
I can't see.
A FIRE?!

THERE'RE PEOPLE!
IS SOME-ONE THERE?!
ANGO AND THE OTHERS, RIGHT...?
IT COULDN'T BE...

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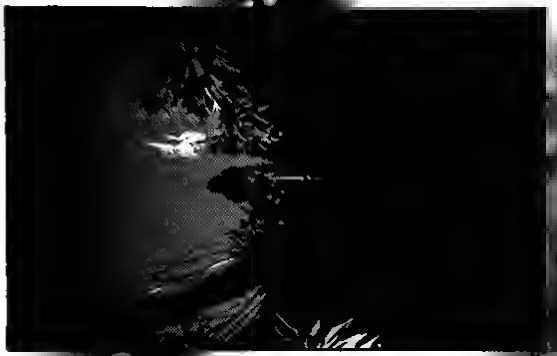

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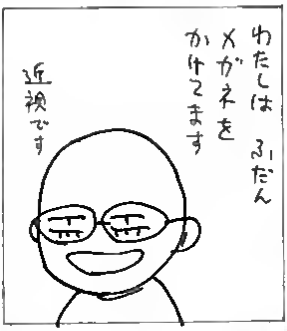
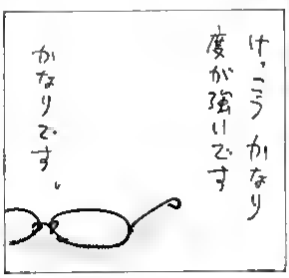
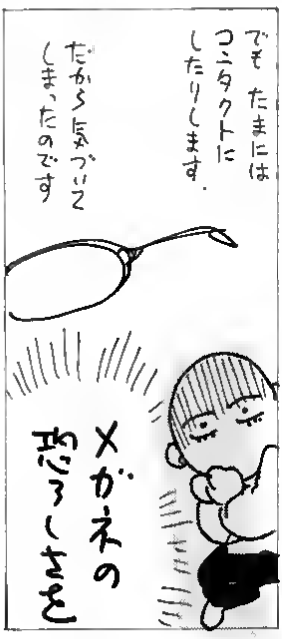
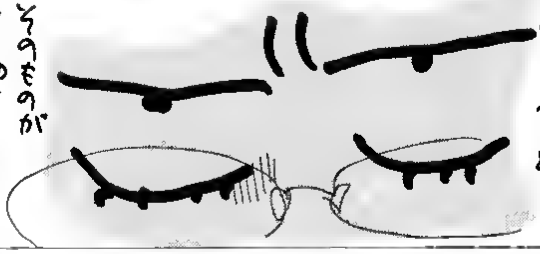


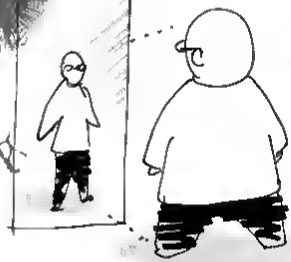




なんと！
度の強いメガネを
かけて
ものを見ると
そのものが
実物より
小さく細く
見えるのです



つまり
るだん
メガネをかけて
鏡で見ている
自分の姿は



実物より
細く見えて
いるのです

コンタクトにすると
自分が1.5倍くらいに
見えるので
フシギに思って
いたのですが

だから
度の強いメガネを
かけてるかたは
気をつけて下さい

自分が
思ってるより
自分は大きいかも
しれません

それはそうと
「SEEDS」は
10周年だそうです
そんなにたった気が
しないのですが

そして、
今回
ファンブックなるものも
出していただけることに
なりました
このコミックスと同時発売だ
そうです！
そうそうもぜひ
見てみて下さい！
というわけで
よろしく!!

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